



# Teddytech's Teddy Bear Makers News

Where the magic of bearmaking begins ...

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## Fashion aficionado's....

Are you a dedicated follower of fashion? Trendy magazines and life-style tv shows inform us that one of winter's fashion/decor trends is faux fur! What a great opportunity to use some of your teddy bear mohair or synthetic scraps to turn a sweater or jacket into a fashion statement. Use a larger piece to make a fashionable handbag or liven up your lounge or bedroom with fur cushions or a luxurious 'throw' – the possibilities are endless!

Earlier this year we decided to use some of our mohair scraps to create 'Patches', a patchwork bear inspired by Victorian crazy-patchwork, and had lots of fun embellishing it with embroidery stitches, buttons and beads. Make your own patchwork bear using one of your own patterns, or try our Patches pattern designed to enhance the patchwork effect.

## Linda Mullins' Teddy Bear Relief Fund

Following the tsunami tragedy on 26 December 2004 in south-east Asia and the devastation left in its wake, Linda Mullins, well known American author, arctophile & philanthropist, has appealed to international bearmakers/shops and show organizers to support the **International Teddy Bear Relief Fund for Tsunami Disaster Victims**. Read all about this Fund and how you can help - *plus* you stand a chance of winning a collectable Steiff bear by supporting this appeal.

## Bear Artist Patterns

We continually search for new patterns and ideas for our bearmakers and are delighted to offer you patterns/kits by Ilze Linssen, Australian bear artist (and ex-South African) whose designs you may already have noticed in the Australian Bear Creations magazines. Flip to page 4.

If it's getting chilly in your part of the world, snuggle up with a cup of hot soup and 'chill out' whilst catching up on the latest Teddytech news! Take care and keep warm!

*The Teddytech Team*

Joey Kangaroo



by Ilze Linssen

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## New kits for winter projects!

### Wotzit

Size 20cm



What is it? Is it a bear? Yes! It's a quirky, contemporary poseable bear that's so easy to make! Kit includes Schulte rayon & viscose combo, glass eyes, joint disc set for head, thread to embroider nose/mouth and ultra-suede/bead neck trim. Pattern R25

**Kit R149** excl. postage  
Wotzit Design 2005 © by Eunice Beaton

### A bear from the wild!

His name is derived from 'Heskovizenako' – a Cheyenne name meaning 'porcupine bear' and is some-what appropriate, considering the type of mohair used to create him!

Made from one of Schulte's newest 'wet-look' tipped mohairs, the kit includes pattern/detailed instructions, ultra- suede for paws and footpads, glass eyes, joint discs & hardware, thread to embroider nose/mouth and claws. Optional: glass or steelshot pellets to weight feet (not included in kit).  
Size: 28cm

**Price: R179** excl. postage

## Zenako



Zenako Design 2005 © by Eunice Beaton

## ►►► Patches ◀◀◀

Create a 38cm Victorian-style Crazy Patchwork Bear using mohair scraps  
Pattern: R30

**Mohair Scrap Packs – R100** ea  
Select from Teddy browns or Bright colours

Patches Design 2005 © Eunice Beaton



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Spending time and effort creating your bear certainly deserves the finest quality mohair - not only for ease of use but also for a lasting impression! Make sure you use Schulte mohair –“ the fur that real bears are made of....”.

**Teddytech/Schulte  Specials.....**

**Stocks are limited!**

**Prices valid only while stocks last!**

1. FSSP88/12/B cl. 5247 Short , sparse, salt 'n pepper-coloured mohair and
2. FSSP88/12 cl 5549 Pewter (same texture as No. 1)  
Retail R168 p 1/4m Both 1 & 2 on **SPECIAL at R120** per ¼ m
3. SM83/25 cl 5916 Antique Gold. Sparse, string effect .  
Retail R199 p ¼ m **SPECIAL R139** per 1/4m

**SEASONAL SPECIALS . . . . .**

4. SWD89/25 cl 5999 Pearl Grey/ Pale Lilac Swirly distressed Exceptional (limited!) offer! ..... Only **R200** per ¼ m
- 5 **Making rugby bears or proudly South African bears?** Use our 24mm pile matted Schulte mohair M89/24 cl 5552 'Bok' colours! -green pile with gold backing Only **R 120** p 1/4m
- 6 M89/24/B cl 5663 Pale peach-beige threaded with black guard hairs .....Only **R139** per ¼ m
- 7 SM88/42 cl 5907 – 42mm pile Brown String mohair ..... Only **R200** per ¼ m

*Buy a total of 1 metre of assorted mohairs and you qualify for a further discount when adding 'specials' to regular priced mohair purchases!*

**New!** Hot off the press .... Lisa Pay's

# Fabric Junkies Patterns

These patterns use fabric (not fur!) R60 each  
Use felt, mini-velvet or your own fabric scraps

♦**"Whoopie"** Bear - 37.5cm.

Adorned with afro-style dreadlocks and a fringed poncho

♦ **"Buttons"** Bunny - 30cm.

Wears a waistcoat adorned with buttons

♦ **"Norma Jean"** Bear - 50cm.

Made from denim and dressed with country-style dress, under-dress, knickers and tote bag

♦ **"Dinkum"** Dog - 45cm. Has embroidered patches

♦ **"Noggan"** Turtle - 60cm.

Very realistic! Has shell, long neck, tail & flippers.

♦ **"Arthur"** Dragon - 40cm. A friendly fellow!

♦ **"Fab Flowers"** Bears - 25cm.

Embroidery trim and sunflower- or camellia style collars

♦ **"Carousel"** Pony - 22.5cm.

Braided mane & tail. Applique & embroidered 'saddle'

We stock the discs/hardware and glass eyes as specified in these patterns

★ Visit our website: [www.teddytech.biz](http://www.teddytech.biz)  
for pictures of Lisa Pay's patterns ★

## ★ Lisa Pay Patterns /Kits ★

### Darned Cute



This bear's patched and mended appearance shows that he is truly a well-loved bear! Kit includes Schulte mohair, ultrasuede and German wool felt for paws/footpads, glass eyes, joint discs, embroidery thread, fabric for patches/scarf, pattern & instructions.  
Size: 12.5" (31cm)  
**Kit Price: R235**  
excl. postage

Great Bearmaking Tips & Ideas in all Lisa Pay patterns!

### Scribble (& Scraps)

Lisa Pay's delightful dog, Scribbles, is one of her best sellers and we can see why! With his appealing good looks he is bound to add an interesting dimension to your bear collection.

**BONUS!.... Two patterns for the price of one! Free 'Scraps' bear pattern included!** Scribbles kit has a fat 1/4m of gorgeous, matted, tipped Schulte mohair (25mm pile) - enough to make Lisa's 'Scraps' bear as well.



Kit includes a 1/4m tipped, Schulte mohair , ultrasuede, glass eyes, joint discs, hardware to connect discs, embroidery thread, pattern and instructions.  
**Size: 11" (27.5cm)**  
**Kit Price R350**  
excluding postage

#### Other Lisa Pay's patterns/kits currently available:

- ❖ Eliza Bear with Hat & Bag - 25cm Kit R235
- ❖ Mary Lamb 22.5cm Kit R235
- ❖ Pansy Bear with Hat & Bag - 25cm Kit R235
- ❖ Sugar – Maltese Poodle - 25cm Kit R255

#### The following patterns can be made up into kits:

- ❖ Tom Cat – 25cm Marmalade cat with white trim
- ❖ Oliver – 32.5cm Bear with waistcoat
- ❖ Petey - 24cm Bunny with Orange Carrot
- ❖ Woodlands Bunny - 30cm with Bolero Vest
- ❖ First Mate Bear - 32.5cm with Sailor outfit

#### More Lisa Pay patterns available soon!

*E&OE. Prices on all imported supplies subject to fluctuation.*

**Di Turner, Fundraiser & Public Relations Officer of the Kwa-Zulu Natal branch of the South African Guide-Dogs Association for the Blind** (and accompanied by her very well-behaved, retired guide dog, Gemini), was presented with a cheque to the value of R1000 by Eunice Beaton of Teddytech on behalf of the group of bearmakers who regularly attended our monthly **'Helping Others' Get-Togethers** during 2004.

This contribution will assist towards the R7500 it costs to breed a puppy, raise it, train it and then train a blind person to use it. Her informative talk made us all realize the dire need for funds to carry on their work of providing independence, mobility and dignity for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you, Di and all the ladies who contributed so willingly!



**'Helping Others' Get-Togethers**

If you wish to attend Teddytech's 'Helping Others' Get-Togethers please phone: 031-3127755 to join this group of enthusiastic bearmakers, enjoy completing your unfinished bears and help a worthy cause!

Last Saturday of each month: 1 – 4pm  
Refreshments provided.

*Saturday dates may change.*

A suggested donation of at least R15 per person. This full amount will be donated to South African Guide-Dogs Association for the Blind again this year – indeed a worthy cause! Let's try and generously exceed our donation of last year! ♥

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⌘ **TEDDYTECH 'S TIPS & IDEAS FROM A – Z** ⌘

❖ **Colour** : ...”a phenomenon of light or visual perception that enables one to differentiate otherwise identical objects and may be described in terms of hue, lightness(or brightness) and saturation”. Traditional colours associated with teddies are golds, tans, browns etc. Some contemporary styled bears tend to use more vibrant colours of the rainbow! Colour contrast combinations make for interesting effects – try contrasting... colours of mohair with ultra-suede; embroidery thread with mohair backing; two contrasting coloured mohairs on one bear etc. etc!

❖ **Cutting out** fabric shapes. Use sharp scissors to snip through the backing only, thus leaving the fur pile intact.

❖ **Clipping fur** – for ex. on the snout or inner ears. When trimming snout or inner ear pieces use small, sharp scissors to clip the fur pile down to a short bristle or clip off completely to expose the backing of the fur

❖ **Curves** – seams on curved shapes on any section of the bear need to be carefully clipped close to stitching line so seams lie smoothly when shapes are turned right sides out.

❖ **Cotter pins** – a two-pronged pin with a rounded head. Used as a connector between discs instead of screws. Prongs must be separated and, using pliers or a cotter pin turner, roll each prong down into a tight curl so that it touches the disc and provides a secure fit.

❖ **Cap screws** – an alternative to slot-head screws. Use an allen key instead of a screwdriver to secure and finally .....

❖ **Comfort** – what teddies do best ....!

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**Bearmaker's Gallery**

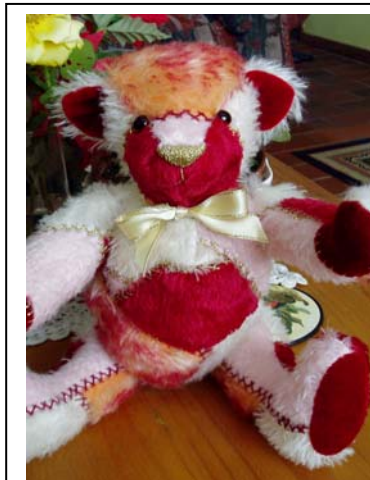
**We love receiving pictures of your completed bears!**

**Thanks to Pam, Dana & Lynne (all the way from Sweden) for sending us pix of their creations!**

**Cadbury by Pam Holder**  
Made from real bear fur!



**Valentina by Dana Rossetto**  
Crazy-patchwork style in Valentine colours



**Snowflake by Lynne Skinner**  
At home in the winter snow of Sweden!



**Grin (growl?) & Bare them....**

We used them in Jennifer Laing's workshops last year when participants made gorgeous, realistic, open-mouth bears... and they're back in stock! **Pearly white porcelain teeth** ( with loops on the back for inserting in the same way as glass eyes) .

**Sizes: 4mm and 6mm. R10 each or R20 per pair**

❖ **SA Bear Quarterly Magazine** ❖

Vol 1/3 now available – **R35 ea**

♥**Jeanel Vermeulen's** unusual 'Romelia' bear, featured in this latest issue, is created from Schulte's new red batik-dyed, sparse, tufted mohair BT84/24 cl 9619.

Contact Jeanel on 082 451 3355 for a pre-packed Romelia kit.

**Calendar of Fairs/Shows 2005**

**Winter Bear Fair, Cape Town** Sat. 2 July St. Thomas' Church, Rondebosch

**Berario Bear Fair, Johannesburg** Sat. 3 September

**Christmas Craft Workshop, Greyville, Durban** Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> /Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

*Note: previous newsletter listed dates of other shows*

⌘ **Bearz by Ilze** ⌘

Teddytech is delighted to be stocking **Bearz by Ilze** patterns and kits. **Ilze Linssen**, born in South Africa and now residing in Australia, has developed a distinct style in the creation of her delightful bear/animal patterns.

Often featured in Australian Bear Creations magazines, (and soon to be featured in SABQ) her attention to detail in the presentation of her patterns & instructions will inspire and motivate you. So, take out your bearmaking supplies, buy one of Ilze's patterns (or kits) and get stitching!

**Bearz by Ilse Patterns**

**R60 each** *excl. postage*

Bumble B Bear (20cm)*	Ladybug Bear (18cm)*
Lucky Koala ((20cm)	Joey Kangaroo (20cm)*
Junior Bear (23.5cm)*	Draggi Dragon (17cm)
Pogo Bear (24cm)*	Fuzz Bear (20cm)*
Simba Lion (20cm)	Cheerful Bear (20cm)

**\*These kits available now @ R250 each.**

More kits & other patterns available soon.

Pix of patterns have been added to our website, so go to [www.teddytech.biz](http://www.teddytech.biz) for easy viewing, or refer to [www.bearzbyilze.com.au](http://www.bearzbyilze.com.au) Also, see Ilze's advert in the latest SABQ.

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**Bearmaking Workshops @ Teddytech 2005**

Where the magic of bearmaking begins...

Make a note in your diary now and join in the fun!

❖ **Basics of Bearmaking**

Wed. 13 & 20 July 9am-12noon

Fee: R130

Join our basic bearmaking workshop - whether you are a first time bearmaker or just want to brush up on your skills.

Machine or hand-stitched. You can start and complete a bear in **two easy sessions**. Fee excludes cost of kit & filling.

❖ **Facial Features (One-session)**

Tues 19 July

9am-12 noon

Fee: R75

Do your bears need a face lift?! Join us and learn techniques that will enhance their facial features.

❖ **Fundamental fun with Footpads & Paws** Wed. 6 July 9am-12 noon or Sat. 16 July 9am-12noon Fee: R75

Learn how to embellish your bear's footpads and paws using pen shading, applique, sculpting, trapunto etc. **One session**

❖ **Hand-dyeing Fabric (One Session)**

Sat. 23 July

1-4pm

Fee: R75

Have great fun hand-dyeing mohair or mini velvet to suit your own individual colour preferences and then create **bears that have a unique colour combo!** Brights, pastels, tie-dye effect etc. A hands-on workshop.

❖ **Crazy Patchwork Bear (Two sessions)**

Tues. 19 & 26 July 9am-12 noon

Fee: R130

Collect all your scraps of mohair or mini velvet. This is the perfect opportunity to patch up all your scraps, embellish them with embroidery, buttons, charms etc. and then make a bear like no other! Schulte mohair scrap bags R100 ea

❖ **Airbrushing** - we're having lots of fun experimenting with our airbrush. Join us for a demonstration - and bring a bear with to try it yourself! **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July from 1-4pm.** Space limited - RSVP! Fee: R30

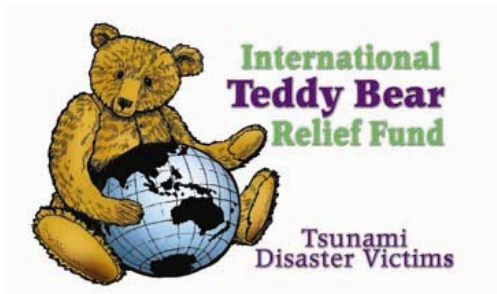
Our workshops offer you the opportunity to learn new bearmaking techniques and are held in our class venue at 49 Florida Rd. Interested? Please email, fax, phone-in name, address, telephone no. in order for us to provide you with supplies required. Booking essential.

♦ **Teddytech 2004/5 Colour Catalogue** ♦

Keep the magic of bearmaking alive by ordering our colour catalogue. Lists Schulte mohairs, synthetic furs, kits/patterns, glass eyes, joint discs and hardware for getting your bear mobile, different types of fillings, variety of different bearmaking tools and supplies etc. needed for creating your bears - includes order form for easy of ordering. **Colour catalogue: R10 each – which is refundable with your first purchase.**

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INVITATION TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL TEDDY BEAR RELIEF FUND  
for TSUNAMI DISASTER VICTIMS



You can win "Annabell", a Limited Edition Steiff Bear!

Donated by  
Linda Mullins to  
South Africa to  
raise funds for  
Tsunami Disaster  
Victims.



Excerpts from 'A Message from Linda Mullins'

Dear Friends

On December 26, 2004, an undersea Indian Ocean earthquake of horrendous magnitude unleashed devastating tsunamis that were among the deadliest natural disasters in modern history. We were all shocked and saddened by the devastating news of the Tsunami Disaster, which resulted in the loss of nearly 200,000 souls. The plight of the thousands of men, women and countless children affected by this disaster has promoted humanitarian response around the world.

We in the teddy bear and doll world can help, too. I am inviting you to join us in raising funds to help those who suffered tremendous loss during this time. We can truly make a difference for those people in a way that simply would not be possible working as individuals.

You may be aware of my involvement with the Berryman Auction, an international effort to raise funds to benefit the 1995 Kobe earthquake victims. Approximately \$220 000 was raised from an auction of 131 teddy bear donations. The success of that effort has encouraged me to organize a similar project to aid the Tsunami victims: "International Teddy Bear Relief Fund – Tsunami Disaster Victims". During the past several months I contacted some of my friends who promote teddy bear and doll shows around the world and invited them to join this international project. Their response has been everything we hoped. We are confident this project – with so many people working together – will raise funds and show the remarkable power of teddy bears and dolls!

**I have personally donated, to each country participating in our project, "Annabell" one of the bears Steiff North America reproduced from my collection as part of its *American Heritage Series, 2005 North American Limited Edition line*.** Because there are so many worthy charities to consider when making our donations, each country will make its own choice of the specific organization that will receive their donations. As for the United States we have decided to work with the 4Kali.org Foundation.....

.....I was amazed how much this foundation had achieved in such a short space of time. I was extremely impressed by the co-operation and support I was able to receive from the founders, Dr. Stu Breisch and Dr. Sally Nelson, who also assured me the ITBRF will be given a report of where and how 4Kali.org Foundation uses the funds raised from the ITBRF.... For additional information please visit their website [www.4kali.org](http://www.4kali.org)

We cannot help those that have lost their lives – but we can make a big difference in the lives of the survivors, especially the children. I wish to, once again, express my heartfelt appreciation for your invaluable contribution to this worthy cause. I am confident this project – with so many people working together – will raise considerable funds and show the remarkable power of teddy bears and dolls.

Gratefully yours,

*Linda Mullins*

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INVITATION TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL TEDDY BEAR RELIEF FUND  
for TSUNAMI DISASTER VICTIMS

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Linda Mullins, a firm believer in the power of the teddy bear and his role as an ambassador of understanding and goodwill, approached Eunice Beaton, (as she had done in 1995 with her international effort in raising funds for the Kobe earthquake victims) to participate in the ITBRF effort. Local bearmakers responded willingly in 1995 by donating bears they had made and these were gratefully received by the people of Kobe.

We look forward to supporting Linda Mullins's appeal and the 4Kali.org. Foundation, and would welcome your contribution. **For the price of a R10 raffle ticket you stand the chance of winning a beautiful, limited edition, Steiff bear.** If you have access to the web please visit **4kali.org** to learn about the founders of this Foundation, Dr Stu Breisch and Dr Sally Nelson who lost their 15 year old daughter in this disaster; their mission statement and how they are making a lasting difference in the lives of the tsunami victims by the rebuilding of Thai lives and their infrastructure.

.....:"we all experience healing as we work together as a world community to assist those in need..."

We know that with your help we can help them too **and** you have the chance of winning one of two donated Steiff bears!

**TEDDYBAR TOTAL responds to Linda's appeal and also donates a Steiff bear!**

Manfred & Helga Schepp, promoters of TEDDYBAR TOTAL in Germany, and ITBRF supporters, have personally donated to each country participating in Linda Mullins' project, "Batro", the *Teddybar Total Limited Edition Bear 2004*.



Batro, a Steiff replica from the original "Batro" 1908 and Teddybar Total's Jubilee Bear. Made from white mohair, fully jointed and 32cm tall, he has wool felt paws and footpads, with the words "TEDDYBAR TOTAL 2004" embroidered in red on the left sole and "10 Years", also in red embroidery, on the right sole. He is elegantly dressed in a blue/white striped pullover, trousers and cap. Gold placed button in the ear and white numbered flag, limited to 1500 world-wide.

## How you can help...

\* **Make a bear** or donate one and we will arrange to send all donated bears to the 4kali.org Foundation at the end of this year for distribution to orphans and/or

\* **Purchase one of our R10 raffle tickets** and stand a chance to win one .. or even two.. limited edition Steiff Bears! If you can't visit us simply phone us , supplying name, address, telephone, email address, and select a number/s you would like to take in the raffle, and the bear you wish to win, and we will enter your name in the lucky draw.

**To get the ball rolling we have contacted our resellers who have graciously agreed to assist us in our endeavours....**

Beary Important Shoppe , Bedfordview: 011-6156308

Bear Collection, Fourways: 011-4656293

Bears Etcetera, Clearwater Mall: 011-6791883

Tin Soldiers, Irene: 0833055954

The Bears Den, Centurion: 012-6620695

Bum Bears, Bloemfontein: 051-4479413

Dotty Bears, Port Elizabeth: 041-5856089

Forest Bears, Knysa: 044-3827386

Mannikin Lodge, Beacon Bay: 043-7481582

Edenvale Fair Organiser: Victoria Harper, Germiston: 011-8287901

Each participant will have a Teddytech participant number and numbered raffle sheets on which all donations (with name/address/tel. no. details) must be recorded. Please ensure your donations are only made to registered participants! **We would welcome the support of any other teddy bear shops /guilds/bear groups who wish to join in the appeal.**

For additional information please contact us: 031-3127755. Updates on progress in our next newsletter.

**Come and meet Annabel & Batro at Teddytech or at Bear Fairs (where permitted!)**

The lucky winner's name will be drawn on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Teddy Bear & Doll Fair in Durban and Annabell & Batro will arrive at their new homes just in time for holiday celebrations!

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