



# Teddytech's Teddy Bear Makers News

Where the magic of bearmaking begins ...

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## Holiday Greetings!

How time has flown this year and we're finally getting around to sending out our newsletter! There's a festive spirit and holiday mood in the air ... so make yourself a cuppa, put your feet up, sit back and relax while you read our newsletter.

The variety of fairs, shows and workshops held this year have exposed many new crafters to the pleasures of bear-making and have challenged existing bear-makers to demonstrate their creative talents. It's interesting to see terrific new bears being made and another perfect opportunity to showcase these bears has just presented itself in the form of South Africa's own teddy bear magazine, **SA Bear Quarterly**. It was launched recently and we wish Sharonne and Mikki lots of success with their venture – their enthusiasm and determination to provide us with 'all things bear' from a local perspective is going to generate a lot of interest. Congratulations and good luck!

**Jennifer Laing's** recent workshops were enjoyed by many enthusiastic bearmakers/artists around the country- from designing your own bear/animal to making dragons, polars, pandas and a trio of monkeys, chimps and gorillas - great fun was had by all. Jennifer is one of the world's top bear artists and author of several popular bearmaking books – if you missed her workshops, be sure to put your name down early for **Jennifer's new work-shops** to be held as "**Bear-making Retreats**" later in 2005!

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and we extend good wishes to you for a wonderful holiday season – may you be blessed with good health and lots of happiness in the New Year.

### Astrid

Our Angel 'Bear'er  
of Good Tidings



*The Teddytech Team*

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## 'tis the season to be jolly!!!

Indulge yourself! Purchase one of our **new kits or patterns**– perfect as part of your holiday décor or as a seasonal gift for special friends!

### Plum Pudding

Size 20cm



Forget the diet ... This festive bear has definitely over-indulged – but she's happy with her chubby, cuddly shape! Schulte mohair, glass eyes, ultrasuede footpads, joints, embroidery thread and trim included. Pattern R25  
**Kit R125** excl. postage

### Snowflake the Snowman Bear

Size: 15cm

A snowman in sunny South Africa? Unbelievable but true! Easy to make Snowflake is made from Schulte rayon and has thread-jointed arms. Simple enough for a kid's holiday project. Includes trims, pattern and felt for hat. Requires plastic pellets in body for weight (not included in kit)

**Price: R85** excl. postage



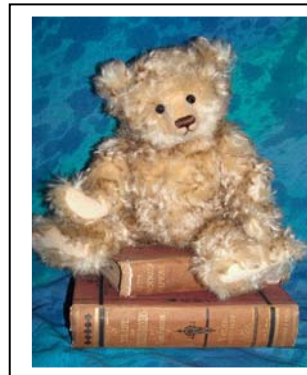
## Hope

Size 32cm

Our celebratory bear! A 32cm traditional bear designed by Eunice Beaton to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of her shop, Thread Bears, in 1994 – now known as Teddytech.

Kit contains Schulte's luxurious, swirly, tipped mohair, ultrasuede, glass eyes and embroidery thread.

**Price: R260** excl. postage



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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.....

Great new specials! **Stocks are limited! Prices valid only while stocks last!**

1. **TMT83/25** cl. **9023** Matted, red with black tip! Gorgeous!  
Retail R253 p 1/4m
2. **SP89/18** cl. **5797** Straight pile, dense – new teddy colour!  
1 & 2 above - both on **SPECIAL at R185 p ¼m**
4. **TM89/18** cl **9308** Straight pile with 'crushed' effect  
*Pale custard/red tip...for dragons & bears with a fiery attitude!*  
Retail R299 p ¼ metre **SPECIAL at R235 p ¼m**
5. **M89/25** Matted: - 3 colours ... cl. **0002** (*polar*), as well as  
cl. **264** Black & cl. **5088** Bone (*a great panda combo*)  
Retail R216 p ¼m **SPECIAL at R165p ¼m**

**Purchase a total of 1 metre of assorted mohairs and you qualify for a further discount when purchasing regular priced mohairs!**

### ⌘ Teddytech 's Tips & Ideas from A – Z ⌘

**B** . . . Bears, of course, but we can also think of ....

❖ **Bear's Body** : The body design can consist of either a 2-piece, 3-piece, 4-piece pattern...or more

- **2-piece body patterns**: left and right side with centre front & back seam. No side seams. *quick 'n easy to stitch*
- **3-piece body patterns**: *for ex. a bear on all fours* – two side pieces and a gusset under the tummy.
- **4-piece body patterns**: 2 front pieces and 2 back pieces - (centre front seam, centre back seam, two side seams) - *gives roundness and fullness to the bear's body.*

❖ **Beads** : Glass or plastic for filling for bear. Pour them into your bear from a jug, or empty coke bottle with the base cut off.. adds weight and posability.... And .....

❖ **Beads: Black onyx beads** – round with holes for using as bear eyes – especially for the miniature bears. Sizes 2m & 3mm are a good substitute for glass eyes smaller than 3mm and are stitched into your bear's head

❖ **Beeswax** – pull your embroidery thread through the beeswax container to coat the thread for strength and adhesion.

Anina van der Walt's

### Rudi - Size 20 cm

is a cute little bear that has loads of appeal! The kit contains **either** Schulte **mohair** (SP89/10 cl 5265) **or** Schulte **synthetic**(dense mid-brown), joint discs, glass eyes, ribbon trim. Only available in kit form (ie no pattern on its own). Please state preference when ordering : mohair or synthetic

**Kit Price: R125** excl. postage)



## ♦ ♦ NEW PRODUCTS ♦ ♦

### Gigabeart



*Designed by Eunice Beaton*, this 'crazy-about-computers' 18cm 'techie' bear knows all about bits, bytes, drives and more! Gigabeart is made from Schulte's sparse, distressed mohair (DS89/16 in colour # 0809 (steel grey with charcoal backing). Kit includes mohair, footpad ultrasuede, glass eyes, joint discs, embroidery thread, pattern & instructions.

**Kit Price: R89** excl. postage

## ★ Lisa Pay Patterns & Kits ★

### Teddytech launches Lisa Pay patterns in SA!

Lisa has made a name for herself internationally, specifically with her realistic designs of dogs, cats and, of course, bears!

Her patterns are well-designed, professionally presented and a pleasure to make up.

➔ **Sugar** - 25cm

The cutest little Maltese

poodle using Schulte's dense white mohair. She's absolutely adorable! Kit: mohair, joint discs, glass eyes, embroidery thread, Lisa Pay pattern/instructions.

**Kit Price: R200**

**Pansy**, 25cm, made➔

from Schulte's matted mohair (yellow with purple tip – or select your own colour preference) and includes felt and pattern for hat and bag, ultrasuede footpads, (footpad detailing as per picture optional), joint discs, glass eyes, thread for embroidering nose, Lisa Pay pattern and instructions.

**Kit Price: R235** (both kits exclude postage)

Visit [teddytech.biz](http://teddytech.biz) for more Lisa Pay's designs...



To whet your appetite, we've packed two of Lisa's popular patterns into kits. More to follow!

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**Pansy**



Teddytech's **Astrid** (*pic on page 1*) **Size: 25cm**

**Our Angel 'Bear' er of Good Tidings**

Limited Edition made in Schulte's matted mohair, cl. 4704 golden tan, intertwined with gold thread for extra sparkle and festive flair! Other Schulte mohair textures or colours also suitable. Kit includes glass eyes, joint discs, gold mesh/ribbon for wings, pattern & instructions

**Kit Price: R145** excl. postage

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# Bearmaking Workshops @ Teddytech 2005

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Do you need ideas for new year's resolutions? We have plenty for you! 2005 can be the year you learn to make a bear, improve your bearmaking skills, meet new friends and have fun at the same time. Our workshops offer a variety of different techniques that you can apply to bearmaking and are held in our class venue at 49 Florida Road. Booking essential. Other workshops will be added to this list from time to time. Make a note in your diary now and join in the fun!

	Date	Day	Time	Fee
❖ Basics of Bearmaking	26 Jan. & 2 Feb.	Wednesday	9-12noon	R120
	or 23 Feb & 2 March			
	or 2 & 9 April	Saturday	1-4pm	

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.

## ❖ Fundamental fun with Footpads & Paws Fee R75

JANUARY **Wed.19<sup>th</sup> or Sat.22<sup>nd</sup> Time: 9-12**

FEBRUARY **Wed.16<sup>th</sup> Time:9-12 or Sat.Feb.19<sup>th</sup> Time:1-4pm**

Learn how to embellish your bear's footpads and paws using a variety of techniques – pen shading, applique, sculpting, reverse applique, trapunto etc. **One session only**

## ❖ Hand-dyeing workshops **Jan.15<sup>th</sup> or Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1-4pm** Fee R75

Have great fun hand-dyeing your fabric to suit your own individual colour preference and afterwards you can create bears that have a unique colour combo! Brights, pastels, tie-dye effect etc. **A hands-on workshop. One Session**

## ❖ Crazy Patchwork Bear **Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 9 - 12 noon** Fee R120

Collect all your scraps of mohair or mini velvet. This is the perfect opportunity to patch up all your scraps, embellish it with basic embroidery stitches, buttons, charms etc. and then make a bear like no other! Bags of Schulte mohair scraps available at discounted price. **Two sessions**

Interested? Please email, fax, phone-in name, address, telephone no. in order for us to provide you with workshop descriptions, supplies required etc when information becomes available

Kindly phone 031-3127755 for bookings of any of the above workshops. **Payment for workshop required when booking**

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## ♥ Helping Others ♥

**Teddytech Get-Togethers** Our 2004 once-a-month monthly Tuesday morning and Saturday afternoon get-togethers were fun-filled afternoons with lots of chatter and unfinished bears given shape, mobility and vision! Grateful thanks to all the ladies who contributed this year. A cheque to the value of R1000 will be presented to Di Turner, fundraiser and public relations officer of the **SA Blind Dogs Association**, when she attends our get-together in January 2005, and we look forward to hearing about the wonderful work being done by this Association.

If you wish to attend our Helping Others Get-Togethers please phone 031-3127755 and reserve your place.

\*First Tuesday of each month: 9am – 12noon      Second to last Saturday afternoon of each month: 1 – 4pm  
Refreshments provided. These are not structured classes so there is no charge, however, we do request a suggested donation of at least R15 per person as this full amount is donated to a charitable institution. With many institutions no longer receiving aid from government, they rely on donations from as many sources as possible to continue their work.

