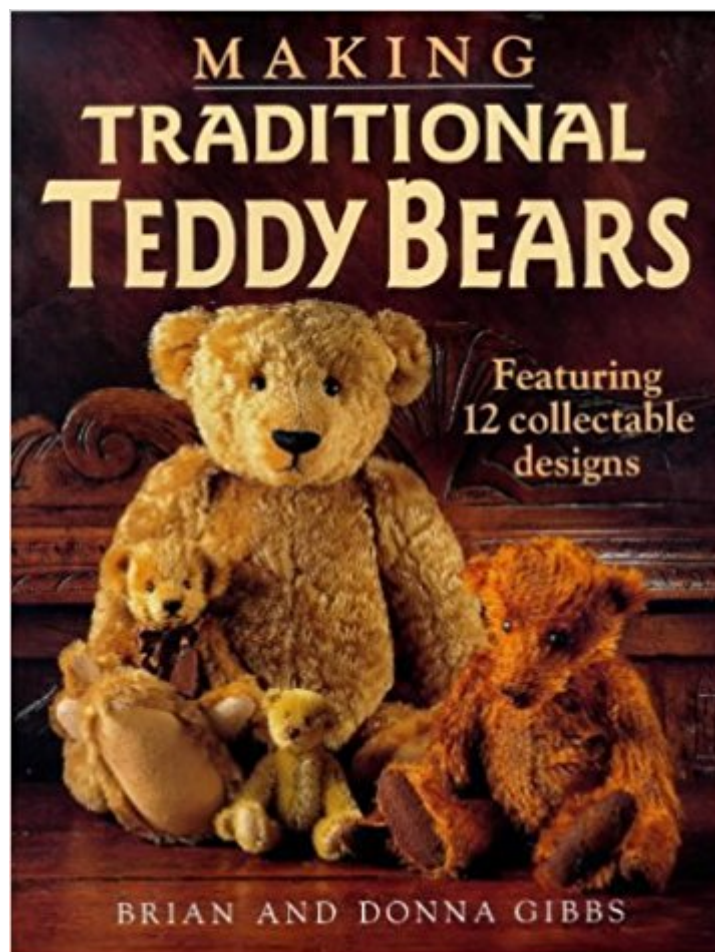




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Making Traditional Teddy Bears: Featuring 12 Collectible Designs



Synopsis

This guide starts with an introduction to the history of the manufacture of the teddy bear and then sets out to show readers how to make a collection of fully-jointed teddy bear designs featuring all the classic characteristics including long arms, humped backs and button eyes, and ranging in size from 3in to 30in. Bears include Smudge, a tiny velvet bear that can fit in the palm of the hand, or musical Haydn, or Olivia and Oliver, twins dressed in matching Edwardian outfits. The book demonstrates the basic bear-making techniques every step of the way from choosing fabrics and pattern cutting to assembly and jointing. It explores how to create a bear's unique character by subtle differences in the positioning of the eyes and ears and the embroidery of the facial features. Advice is also given on giving an authentic look to finished bears. Finally there is a "bear clinic" - a guide to restoring a bear to its former glory.

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Generously and beautifully illustrated with color photographs and black-and-white drawings, Making Traditional Teddy Bears is a clear step-by-step guide to bear making. Patterns included range in size from 30 inches to 3 inches for finished bears, so there is a teddy bear for every arctophile. There is also a pattern for a charming old-fashioned grizzly that stands on all fours, as well as multiple clothing patterns with clear instructions for two of the bears. One reviewer points out that many of the sources in the book are outdated. Using the name of one of the furnished suppliers, I discovered, via the Web, that their contact information had changed. However, that did not prevent them from quickly sending the supplies I needed to complete a bear. Making Traditional Teddy Bears is a good book, because it is useful and a good value.

Fabulous book on the history and art of teddy bear making. I have been a doll maker & designer for many years. I bought this book (and many others, over time) to expand my knowledge on the history and techniques of soft toy making. So far this is my favorite of the books I have read on teddy bears. It also offers many different styles of patterns - some more modern and some more classic, in many different sizes - and touches many details and techniques that are important to know if you plan to work with true mohair fabrics in any capacity.

I cannot recommend this high enough. If you love teddy bears, you want this book. It gives many different choices for making teddy bears. Instructions are easy to follow and it includes patterns. Love this resource!

Love it, will be wonderful for the bear making classes

Love this book!

My wife, being a Teddy Bears collector loved the book. It contains lots of infos she was looking for. We have ordered more books related to the subject.

This book has some wonderful patterns in it. I like that it has a variety of sizes for the bears, too. You can make a miniature, or even a BIG bear of 30 inches, with many sizes and styles in between. If you're new to bear-making, pay attention to all the directions in the beginning of the book. Also pay attention to what size to increase the patterns for the larger bears. I also liked the twin bears that wear clothing. I think this book has something for every bear maker. Don't be turned off that the book was written in 1997. Many of the sources in the back of the book may no longer be accurate, but you can find all the bear-making tools and supplies you'll ever need online. This book will teach you every step, including the most important things...making your templates from the pattern pieces, tracing the pieces on the back of your mohair, and how to cut them out carefully without ruining your fur! Happy Bear-Making! S. Loveless

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