

MEET THE BEAR ARTIST

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Dagmar has a studio in her home  
where she makes her bears

i would be very happy to meet  
you ,either at  
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I have been making bears for 20 years so this year is a great celebration - I have sewn teddy bears with great enjoyment, and still that enjoyment continues. They are always handmade to the highest quality and with a lot of love. The bears are between 8 and 43 cm ( 3 and 17 inch ) big. The bigger ones are more rare by the way. I only work with the most exquisite materials like mohair, alpaca or long pile fabrics. My bears faces are from two different furs, this makes the faces special. I love to choose the colors of the fur and the noses. These are always most colorful . The clothes are all handmade by me too. But the important thing is that

the bears look at me - they are my babies !!  
Now I have had my biggest success - Columbus - winner of the Toby Award and Golden George 2016 . I´ve won so many awards, but never was a bear a double winner. I enjoy working at home . We live in a village in an idyllic setting with nature all around us. This is my inspiration and gives me the ideas for creating the bears. This year penguins enter the teddy bear studio and are loved by my customers. One of them, from Switzerland, has collected my bears for years. And he loves penguins - so he asked me, if I could sew a penguin for him. Every time I meet him, he asks me the same

question. I have thought about it long and hard and in January 2016 the first ds-penguin was born. This one is now living in Switzerland :-)  
My other customers saw the penguin pictures and wanted them too! So now I have given birth to many penguin sisters and brothers! There always the special ones though aren't there? My bear PUK is a bear I could never sell because he made at the time when my father died. PUK is a nice reminder, a connection to him.  
I think the best thing that we artist bear makers can do is to create our own style.



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