

Pascale Nowicki, Rêves d'Ours

French artist Pascale Nowicki of Rêves d'Ours began sewing at seven years old, and has been creating her artist bears since January 2004. Her husband Antoine creates detailed backgrounds for the



photographs of her teddies, which you can see on her website. One example is the glamorous Violette at her dressing table; she is sewn from russet red mohair, with brown glass eyes and measures 33cm (12.99") high. She wears a white dress embroidered with pearls, and a lace collar fastened with a floral button. Meanwhile Marc and Julie are a trendy couple sewn from reddish brown mohair, with hand-knitted sweaters and hand-made cotton clothes, seated on a little metal scooter. For more details, contact Rêves d'ours, Pascale Nowicki, 3 Rue Jean-Baux, 62260 Auchel, France, call (+33) 0321 610 093 or visit www.revesdours.com



“Born in Britain, Catherine now lives in a small rural village near Antwerp, Belgium and says her teddies are inspired by childhood memories of her granny's home in the English countryside”

Magdalena Starkova

Magdalena Starkova is a 21 year-old college student from the Czech Republic, who began making bears to cheer up a friend suffering a bereavement. “I just love bears and I think it's hard to find a teddy with character on our market,” she explains. “I have to be quite creative to replace all the things many bear artists have, like joints,

eyes, noses and fabric. For example, I came up with the idea of using regular buttons or beads painted with window colours for eyes.” Amongst her creations is Louie, a 30cm teddy sewn from ginger synthetic fabric, who is string jointed and wears a cap and scarf. Another is Cookie, a 15cm (6”) tall teddy in the same fabric, stuffed with polyester but unjointed. Both are one-of-a-kinds and Magda says anyone interested should contact her for prices, as she makes them just for fun and to improve her skills. Call her on +420 775 213 774, email majdle@seznam.cz or visit www.teddybears.wz.cz



Bear facts

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