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'MORPETH TEDDY BEARS'

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Remember Mr Bean!

Brown Bear Bobbin, Grey Bear Knitty, Cream Bear Knotty are reminiscent of Mr Bean's old fashioned knitted bear, which he wacks into the table one minute and loves the next, and then squashes it into his suitcase. Well....Charlie Bears have brought out their own collection of knitted bears and they are at Morpeth Bears waiting to meet you.

This traditional range is 41cm and fully jointed same construction as the plush. They have the Charlie Bear logo on their bottom!! Charlie loves to experiment with textures and loves knitted fabric. It is a little of nostalgia as grandparents made bears with their left over knitting wool and gave them to the little ones. For some it was the only material available at the time. It could also make a nice present for a Grand Parent to remember their childhood. Suitable for ages 3 and up makes bedtime very snugly. They sell for \$75. each.



William IV



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Each year Charlie Bears produce two special bears, which are named after Charlie and her husband William. They are very sort after as collector's items.

William IV (for 2011) has just arrived and is a beautiful big bear measuring 51cm. It is a Limited Edition of 4,000 pieces worldwide. William IV is a "Plumo" bear, which means he is made of plush and mohair fabric. He has tipped chestnut coloured fur with mohair on his snout and in his ears. He wears a large brown organza bow around his neck. He's fully jointed with wobbly joints, making him very easy to pose. His paws are beautifully sculptured and his black eyes will plead with you to take him home. It amazes me that this beautifully made big bear sells at just \$130.

If you missed out on William III, which came out at the end of 2010 I have recently received a few more, which had been on back-order. They are a light brown/beige combination with a mauve tinge coming through in patches. 51cm. Very nice. Also \$130.

New from Settler

The new range of Settler has just arrived. There's bears with lovely embroidered dresses with flower gardens and rabbits and topped with beautiful jackets. There's dresses with coffee mug printed fabric, accompanied by fabric mugs of coffee with cream on top. These add to the current range of cupcakes from Settler. Bears dressed in burgundy or blue and white check. Bears dressed in chenille come with little chenille animals...penguin, whale or koala. Of course all the Settler bears have names...there's Lucinda, Amber, Alisha, Jessica and little dog Wags. There's Molly and Billie, Antonia and Daisy, Tara, Lacy and Indiana.....



Diary Date

Please make a note in your diary for the Quilt & Craft Fair at Darling Harbour, Sydney, to be held in the Exhibition halls over five days from Wednesday 22nd to Sunday 26th June 2011. This is a major event and Kylie & I will be exhibiting with Sock Monkeys. There is a whole re-arrange of the halls this year and you will find us over near the Quilt Exhibition area. This year we will have a range of hand dyed red heel socks and sock monkeys for sale. When you purchase a sock monkey kit to make two monkeys you will receive a FREE book valued at \$15. which is a new edition of Sock Monkey and Animals to make.

Mini Socks for Sock Monkeys

Available now are mini red heel socks for making very small monkeys. There are also new pink coloured red heel socks in sizes medium and large. You can find them at Morpeth Bears in their new home in the Morpeth Gallery.

New Cloth Dolls.

A beautiful selection of little cloth dolls has just arrived. The very small dolls have rattles and thin arms for tiny hands to hold. The faces are very clearly painted to attract the child's attention.



Ronnie Avery Knitwear Designs

Ronnie says, "Knitting is an art form that is largely unrecognised."

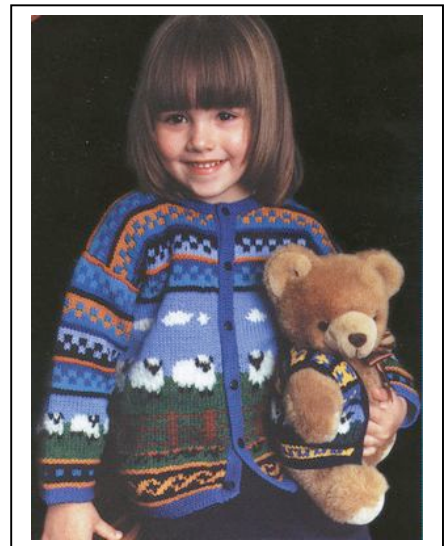
Ronnie's passion for knitting started at the tender age of 5, when she was taught to knit by her mother and finished her first jumper. She grew up on a sheep farm in Colebrook, Tasmania. At age 17 Ronnie left Tasmania to travel overseas. She spent some time knitting professionally for a business in Scotland.

She returned to Tasmania 12 years later with a dream to design and knit her own label. She introduced her range in Hobart, with a selection including hats, jumpers and jackets – mainly for children. Ronnie has built her reputation on quality and design and inspiration from the farm. Crepe yarn wools are used for their long lasting abilities. She uses Australian wool and hand dyes the colours she cannot obtain.

Demand for Ronnie's exclusive designs grew so much that she now has a team of 50 local, skilled and dedicated knitters working for her in Tasmania. These knitters go through a training period of 4 months before producing items for sale. Ronnie says, "My staff are more like my friends, they are like family".

The designs come in a vast array of colours and intricate pattern work. A characteristic of Ronnie's children's knitwear is the straight cut sleeves and band on the cardigans that allows for growing children. Washed carefully, the garments will have a very long life. You are purchasing an 'art form' that can be passed on to future family members.

At Morpeth Bears you will find a selection of Ronnie's children's vests, hats, scarves, shoe/booties and four different sizes of Teddy vests. Cardigans coming soon. Each time I have gone to Tasmania over the past 12 years I have searched for and come home with some of Ronnie's knitwear. My Teddy has several little vest, which he wears during his travels and he always attracts comments about his outfit. I love them.



You will never know how excited I was when this year, due to Ronnie increasing her production, I was able to make an order and become an outlet for her knitwear. Please have a look when you are next at Morpeth Bears. You might find a vest that suits your Teddy or you may prefer to buy for your children or grandchildren.

Recently I was asked why Sue is always in the shop and I am the one who always writes the letters. There is a really simple answer. I am the one who works in the office, at a different location. sourcing the bears and doing the ordering and the typing. Sue is the one who is the keeper of the bears at the shop. She is well qualified, having been a nurse 'in a former life' when her speciality was caring for the premature babies. She cares for the bears as she cared for those special babies, with heaps of love and affection. She is bubbling over with enthusiasm in the new shop. It is going really, really well. Hear from you soon!

Regards,

Shirley
and Sue.