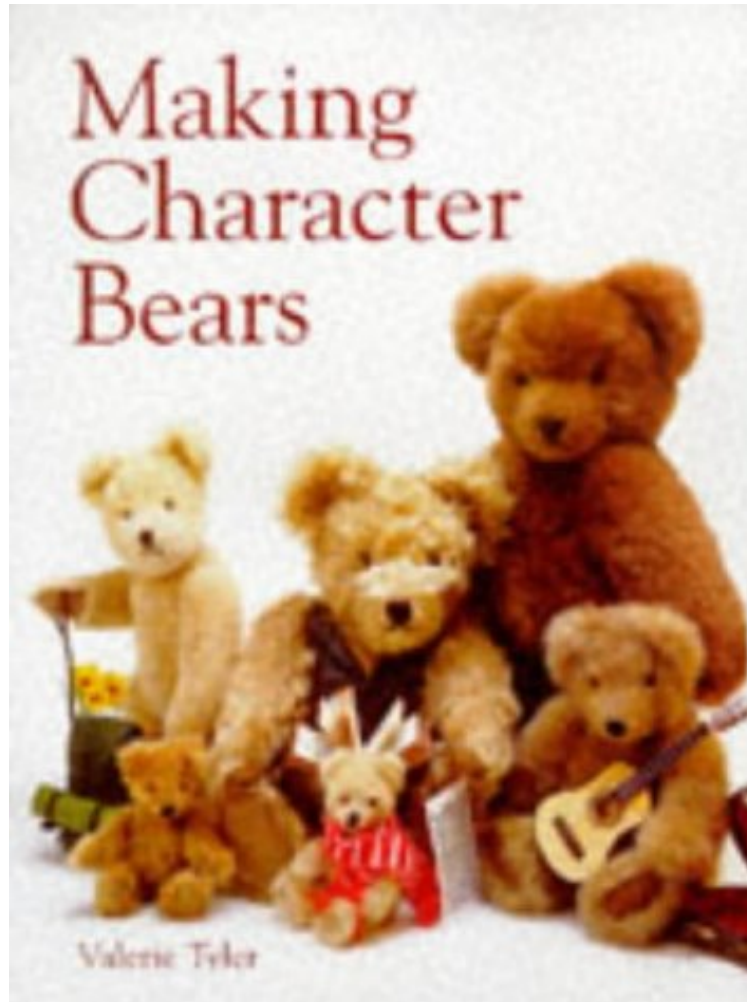


Making Character Bears

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Valerie Tyler : Making Character Bears before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Making Character Bears:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Pretty disappointingBy A CustomerThe author's idea of a "swimmer" bear is to drape a piece of towelling on a bare bear's arm. The "gardener" bear is yet another bare bear, except that the author has purchased children's rubber boots to insert the bear's legs into. The "musician" bear is a bare bear that you have bought a small guitar or some other musical instrument for. Big deal. Didn't need to buy a book to figure out these things. Some of the "costumes" are knitted, and the author assumes that anyone reading this book knows how to knit, when it seems more likely that a bear maker would know how to sew much better and would be more interested in real costuming.

What makes a teddy bear irresistible? Is it a round belly, stocky body, slightly shaggy "fur," or a wide-eyed and innocent look? Valerie Tyler explains the secrets of giving a bear character, from size and proportion to positioning the nose, mouth, eyes, and ears. Celebrate your hobby with the bears: a fisherman and his son, a ballerina, gardener, hiker, and a musician. Mark a special occasion with Christmas bears or a bride and bridegroom. Score points with a swimmer, cricketer, tennis player, and golfer. Or pay tribute to the professional world with a teacher, a farmer, a doctor, a policeman, or a chef. As soon as your first bear begins to take shape, it will seem to come to life! 192 pages (106 in color), 103 b/w illus., 8 1/4 x 10 7/8.

.com Soft fur, plump stuffing, and an engaging expression are about all that's needed to make teddy bears irresistible, but they can be even more appealing with the addition of bits of clothing or small accessories to give them real "character." In *Making Character Bears*, Valerie Tyler reveals how to give bears their own individual personalities. A tiny, felt knapsack and a forked twig define the hiking bear; the cricketer (yes, the author is British) sports a white, knit sweater and felt leg pads; the gardener tends miniature pots of paper flowers; the all-occasion bear has numerous accoutrements, so he's ready for any event from Christmas to a house warming. Complete directions and full-size patterns are given for each of the 29 projects, along with general instructions on basic bear making. Beginners are better off turning to a more thorough introductory guide (such as Carol-Lynn Rssel Waugh's *Bearmaking 101: An Ins" Bear" ational Course*), but more experienced bear enthusiasts may enjoy the themed bears shown here, especially for gift-giving. --Amy Handy