



Newsletter

April 2011

Dear Friends

I hope you are making use of the long weekends to get in a good rest, and some bear making too! Here's a quick update of happenings at Tin Soldiers.

Saturday 30th April is our monthly mini sale day. Get 10% discount on your purchases.

On Monday the 2nd May the Bear Fair is on at Buitenverwachting in Cape Town. If you are in the area, be sure not to miss it. For the unlucky ones stuck in Gauteng, we have decided to extend our mini sale discount offer to Monday as well. The studio will be open from 9am till 4pm. If you are free do drop in for a cup of tea and some bear supplies. It will be lovely to see you. And there will be a Make it with Megan session on Monday evening from 6pm till 10pm too. Joining us could be the perfect way to end the long weekend!



Our class project for the May sessions of **Make it with Megan** is an African penguin *Spheniscus demersus*, commonly known as the Jackass penguin. Our Jackass will be approximately 22cm tall, made of mohair with suede and polymer clay trimmings. There will be some shading, armatures and sculpting to do too. An unusual but lovable addition to your bear collection, and an opportunity to practice some advanced techniques. Cost: R 150 for the supplies pack and pattern sheets. Class dates are 2 May evening, 3 May morning and evening, 4 May morning, 5 May evening.

In 2011, **Make it with Megan** replaces the sewing circles that we used to have every week. You are welcome to join us regularly, or on a once-off basis to work on your own projects, or participate in the class project. You will find details about the workshop dates and projects in the [January Newsletter](#).

Plans for the **Bearathon on Saturday 28 May** are well on track. Join us to help make teddy bears for the Teddy Bear Clinic for abused children. I have uploaded the pattern and information on the [Tin Soldiers website](#). During the next few weeks you will also find information in craft magazines and local newspapers. Please have a look, and contribute in any way you can.

And finally, if you are thinking of attending a Crafting Weekend workshop on the first Saturday of the month at Tin Soldiers, enquire about available dates and projects. Workshops are filling up fast!



Beary greetings

Megan