

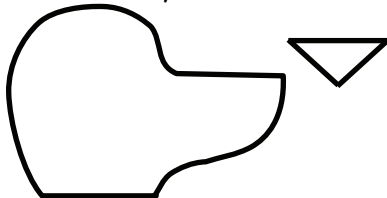
## Noses Noses Noses (Part 2)

*How do I know that the nose I chose for my bear is the right size and shape?*

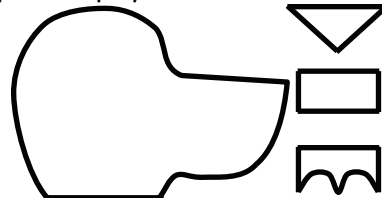
Like most of a teddy bear's facial features, it's a matter of personal preference. If you've already made a lot of bears you probably have a good idea of what you like, and what works for your bears.

Here are three guidelines that I find helpful when deciding on a nose for my bears:

- Look at the bear's face from the side. Pointy muzzles usually work best with a triangular shaped nose. Square muzzles with a big jaw will take a variety of noses, because there is lots of space to play around.



Pointy muzzles work best with triangular noses, and variations on a triangular shape.



Square muzzles work well with all nose shapes, because there is lots of space to play around.

- The nose shape should complement the style of the bear. Both triangular and rectangular noses are traditional bear nose shapes. If your bear has an old fashioned look, both would suit him well. There were even a few basic nostril type noses amongst early teddy bears. More complicated and elaborate nose shapes go with modern and realistic style bears. Look at some teddy bears in magazines and books. You will soon be able to spot the various styles of nose, and the bears that they belong with.
- Another favourite way in which I determine what nose my bear will have is to check the gender. (Determining the gender of a teddy bear is the subject of scientific study, not an easy thing to do, we will discuss this in another lesson). Girl bears tend to have smaller, more delicate noses. When in doubt, I always give my girl bears a triangular nose, or a nostril nose developed from a small triangle. Somehow it's more feminine. Boys, on the other hand, are quite handsome when they have a big schnozz. They look especially good with a large rectangular nose or a nostril shape nose.

*In the next tutorial we will have a look at designing our own nose shapes, starting with triangles and squares.*