

artist you would like to visit, and all the photographs are available for you to look at, the trick is, if you want to buy a new piece for your collection, you better be in nice and early, just like a real "in the fur" show!! All the shows Kim will be participating in, is updated regularly on the "Shows" page of the Russell Bears website.



Kim's designs are mainly OOAK, as she often tweaks her patterns after each creation. She works with many different patterns, creating an extremely diverse selection of both bears and critters in her collectable range. If repeating a creation with the same pattern, she makes sure she uses unique colour selections for each individual piece to ensure that there is always variety in her work, hence, she loves to work mainly with hand dyed materials, hand painted glass eyes and even dyes her wool tops to match. By constantly changing her

designs, and pushing her boundaries to create, keeps her imagination alive and evolving all the time, which is so important to Kim, as that is what drives her to do what she enjoys the most. Kim's creations are inspired solely by animals; "I love their expressions, body shapes, mannerisms and especially their eyes", "I have so many ideas in my head, just not enough hours in the day to make them a reality". "Animals hold a real fascination for me, they all do; big, small, hairy and even scaly. I also am completely intrigued by fable creatures", having already designed a sweet mini Unicorn named "Majik" and a very unusual "Bunyip", she has many more up her sleeve, just waiting to come to fruition. Kim especially loves dogs and has introduced a range called "Best Friends", where she will create a custom piece, inspired by photographs of beloved canines. To date she has created a Springer Spaniel named "Beau", a Bull Mastiff cross, named "Tyson" and a beautiful Alaskan Malamute, named "Kouro". All their Mum's are thrilled to have a special keepsake of their most loved precious pets.

Kim does have a small pattern range, to make your own Russell Bear, they are simple, basic designs ranging from, "Tedd", a traditional style teddy bear to the very popular, "Reggie Rabbit" design. She likes to keep her collectable and pattern range separate, hopefully keeping both the OOAK collector and the bear maker happy. At this stage, Kim does not