

Beginners Guide to Bear Making Fabrics Cheat Sheet

Fabric	Ease of Use	Selection	Availability	Cost
Faux Fur from Fabric Shops	A little stretchy and harder to work with than mohair	Very limited	Local fabric shop	\$9 - \$20 per yard
Faux Fur from CRsCrafts.com	Harder than mohair but easier than the other two	2-3 dozen or more types/colors	Must order online. Suggest purchasing swatches	\$16.98 - \$30 per yard (They have cheaper but I do not recommend for teddy bears)
Ultra Premium Faux Furs	Woven back but very thick fur. Takes practice	Several dozen types/colors	Must order online. Swatches sometimes available	\$100 - \$300+ per yard Often purchased in ¼ yd pieces
Mohair	Easiest bear making fabric to work with	Very wide selection. May also be hand dyed at home	Must order online. Swatches sometimes available	\$70 - \$400 per yard Often purchased in ¼ yd pieces

Mohair – There are So Many Types!

How do I Choose?

Choosing which mohair to use can be very confusing. There are so many lengths, styles and colors! All of the bear making classes here will have a suggestion as to which kind of mohair to use. This guide will help point you in the direction of how to make your own mohair choices.

Choosing the color may be the easiest part of picking your mohair. You also have to choose the pile length, the density (how thick the mohair is), and the finish. Pile length is often chosen based on the size of the bear that you want to make. This general guide should help. There are exceptions of course. If you wanted to create a 15" antique style bear, a ¼" pile length would look great! I also have been known to use longer pile mohair on smaller bears on occasion.

Bear Size	Fur Length
Up to 4"	1/8" – ¼"
5"	1/8" – 3/8"
6" – 8"	3/8" – 5/8"
9" – 10"	½" – 5/8"
11" – 14"	5/8" – ¾"
15" +	¾" – 1 ½"

Some teddy bear making suppliers have photos of bears made with their fabrics to give you an idea of how that particular fabric will look on a bear. If they don't have bear photos, they will often have sample cards available for purchase. (1" square piece of the mohair)

What is Density?

Density refers to how thickness of the mohair. Most faux furs are very dense. Mohair, however, varies greatly. **Sparse** or **semi sparse** mohair is wonderful for creating antique style bears. **Medium** (or regular) density is used for most bears. **Very dense** mohair are used for an even more luxurious appearance.

BEAR MAKING SUPPLIERS

Teddy Bear Suppliers in the USA

www.EdinburghImports.com

www.Intercaltg.com

www.SassyBearsandFabrics.com

www.CRsCraft.com

Teddy Bear Suppliers in Canada

www.DiscoJoints.on.ca

ShamrockRoseTeddyBearSupplies.org

www.Dear-Bears.com

www.LaboursofLove.com

Teddy Bear Suppliers in the UK

www.BearBasics.co.uk

www.ChristieBears.com

www.SewWhatandStuffit.co.uk

www.NorbearyFabrics.co.uk

www.MohairBearMakingSupplies.co.uk

Teddy Bear Suppliers in Germany

<http://www.probaer.de/>

<http://www.baerenstuebchen.de/>

Teddy Bear Suppliers in the Netherlands

<http://www.berelijm.com/>

Teddy Bear Suppliers in Australia

www.BearyCheap.com

TeddysBits.com.au

www.Gerrys.com.au

Teddy Bear Suppliers in South Africa

www.LouBear.com

<http://teddytech.biz/>

Teddy Bear Suppliers in Japan

<http://www.primera-corp.co.jp/>

<http://www.santacruzbear.com/>

<http://www.teddybear.co.jp/>