## FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

## SVETLANA WHARADVA

My name is Svetlana Khabarova and I am a teddy bear artist since 2003. My passion are realistic bears. Dense and soft fur coats made from faux fur or alpaca, open/close eyes, open/close smiling mouths with realistic teeth and tongues, silicone noses, hand sculpted claws and leather or rubber paw pads are the main features of my teddies. Also my bears are fully armatured. Thats why they can be posed in many lovely poses.

There are two very important things in bear making for me; never stop to develop my skills and to try something new.

Artist bear making in Russia appeared not long ago but became popular very quickly. It was just



about 15 years ago. Russian ladies are very creative and now there are many famous artists from my country who developed their original and well recognized styles in all categories of teddies.



