

Categories & Criteria - 2007 TOBY Awards

Guidelines:

- The Categories & Criteria include official rules for the 2007 TOBY Awards. Please read both the Categories & Criteria and the General Rules before completing your Entry Forms.
- Dressed/Costumed vs. Undressed: In general, a bear wearing one accessory is considered Undressed, particularly when the accessory covers one-third (1/3) of the bear or less. However, if any accessory, dye, or article of clothing, alone or in combination, leads viewers to perceive the bear as a character or as wearing a costume, the bear is considered Dressed/Costumed. See Rule 3.
- Every entry is reviewed for eligibility, so if it is found that a bear should be in a different category for size or dress reasons, the TOBY committee will automatically switch the entry to the appropriate category.
- If combining pieces in an entry (a "set"), the primary piece(s) must meet the size requirement for the category.

Artist Categories

The teddy bear/"friend" must be designed by the artist and at least 50% of each bear/"friend," including the head, must be constructed by the artist. Collaborations are allowed, but all contributing artists must be acknowledged.

1	Miniature Artist Bear - Dressed/Costumed	4" and smaller.
2	Miniature Artist Bear - Undressed	4" and smaller.
3	Small Artist Bear - Dressed/Costumed	Over 4" up to and including 14".
4	Small Artist Bear - Undressed	Over 4" up to and including 14".
5	Large Artist Bear - Dressed/Costumed	Larger than 14".
6	Large Artist Bear - Undressed	Larger than 14".
7	Artist Vignette – Any size	For entries of <i>three or more</i> teddy bears and/or "friends," one of which must be a teddy bear. Pieces may be arranged in a manner depicting a scene; any surrounding scenery or landscape may be larger than the plush animals. The animals may be dressed/costumed or undressed. Pieces must be conceived, designed, and/or available for sale as a set. See rule 4.
8	Artist "Friends" (Collectible Plush Animals)	Any size, dressed or undressed. No teddy bears.
9	Artist Creation – Nontraditional Materials	Any size, dressed or undressed. Teddy bear/"friend" must be made wholly or in part from nontraditional materials such as (but not limited to) crochet, needlefelting, polymer clay, or wood.

Manufacturer Categories

The edition of the teddy bear/"friend" must be produced by the manufacturer and not the designing artist. Manufacturer must produce a total of 1,000 or more bears/"friends" per year (any and all editions combined).

10	Manufactured Miniature Bear - Dressed/Costumed OR Undressed	4" or smaller.
11	Small Manufactured Bear - Dressed/Costumed	Over 4" up to and including 14".
12	Small Manufactured Bear - Undressed	Over 4" up to and including 14".
13	Large Manufactured Bear - Dressed/Costumed	Larger than 14".
14	Large Manufactured Bear - Undressed	Larger than 14".
15	Manufactured "Friends" (Collectible Plush Animals)	Any size, dressed or undressed. No teddy bears.
16	Manufactured Play Bear	Any size, dressed or undressed. Teddy bear must be child-safe and marketed as a children's toy or companion.