

portion 18 of the body is arranged to project into the head, in a recess in the stuffing thereof, so that the head portion is relatively firmly attached to the body and does not tend to flop to one side or another relative to the body when the soft toy is held in the normal, upright attitude.

It will be appreciated that the fabric material used for covering the various portions of the body as well as for forming the hands, feet and head may be the same or may be different, so far as texture or colour are concerned. It is in fact preferred to use at least materials of contrasting colours, and advantageously different surface finishes on the fabrics are also used. In a preferred arrangement, the head portion and hands are made from a nylon fur fabric, whereas the shirt, trousers and feet are made from a brushed nylon fabric. By employing such materials, the overall soft toy may be washed, should it become soiled.

The stuffing for the head, hands and feet preferably comprises synthetic foam chippings, which will permit the washing of the completed article, should it become soiled. Clearly, by stuffing the head portion, hands and feet to different degrees, and by employing suitable grades of foam chippings, the said portions may be given any required degree of resilience.

It will be appreciated that other forms of head may be stitched to the shirt, and indeed differently shaped hands and feet may be stitched to the shirt and trousers respectively. In this way, a range of generally similar soft toys but of different characters may be produced all employing the same basic body but merely covered with differently formed fabrics. In this way, a range of soft toys may be produced at considerably less cost than if separate moulds were to be produced for each member of the range.

I claim:

1. A soft toy comprising a body and a fabric covering, said body having a torso, four limb portions and a neck portion all of which portions and the torso consisting essentially of a foamed rubber latex material moulded over a flexible wire skeleton which skeleton is formed from a single length of annealed wire covered with a

plastics material, and said fabric covering is permanently fitted over said body and includes hand and foot members at the respective ends of said limb portions and a shaped head member which fits over said neck portion, the hand, foot and head members being stuffed with a stuffing material whereby the hand, foot and head members hold a desired, pre-formed shape dictated by the fabric covering.

2. A soft toy as claimed in claim 1, in which the wire forming the skeleton is annealed aluminium wire and said plastics material covering the wire is polyvinylchloride.

3. A soft toy as claimed in claim 2, wherein the two free ends of the single length of wire forming the skeleton lie adjacent one another and a plastics material clip is disposed to cover and hold together said two free ends of the wire.

4. A soft toy as claimed in claim 1, in which the fabric covering for the body is made up from a plurality of distinct fabrics stitched together.

5. A soft toy as claimed in claim 4, in which a relatively smooth fabric is used for covering said torso and limb portions whereas said hand, foot and head members are covered with a relatively soft, long-pile fabric.

6. A soft toy as claimed in claim 5, in which said head member is covered with a fur fabric.

7. A soft toy as claimed in claim 6, in which synthetic foam chippings are used to stuff said hand, foot and head members.

8. A soft toy as claimed in claim 1, in which decorations resembling facial features are attached to the head member.

9. A soft toy as claimed in claim 1, in which synthetic foam chippings are used to stuff said hand, foot and head members.

10. A soft toy according to claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 wherein said wire is covered throughout its length, including the ends thereof, with said plastics material, and wherein said hand, foot, and head members are non-detachable.

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