

"I loved creating this duo of 'Irwin and His Best Buddy, Croc,'" Russell enthuses. "It was my own little tribute to the late and great Aussie, Steve Irwin. I truly loved and admired him for his dedication to our animal world."



Kim Russell, posing with her very special "Buster"

Kim Russell

Russell Bears

One of my all-time favorite creations is "Buster," because he reminds me of my 2-year-old Rottweiler. His expression that I sculpted is a dead ringer for my lovable puppy's face. I'm posing with Buster because he really is a special bear to me.

As a child, I loved to sculpt with clay. I couldn't get enough of creating animal characters. My Russell Bears are just a continuation of my childhood obsession. I love absolutely every minute of my workday!