



Welcome to the Buttercup Miniatures April newsletter, with a special welcome to all our new subscribers!

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GENERAL NEWS

We would like to wish any English readers a Happy St George's Day on 23rd April. Information about St George's Day, for anyone who is interested, will be found on our blog site nearer the time.

Apologies for this being a shorter newsletter than normal-time constraints with Easter and all the projects we have been involved with recently, have not given us much spare time to do all the things we wished to this month. Hopefully we will be able to include a free pattern with next months newsletter (don't forget the free pattern will only go out to subscribers so if you have not signed up for our newsletter do so now on our web site). The better weather has also led to an increase in orders as everyone seems to be digging out their miniature knitting and crochet work. Daylight bulbs are alright, but a good sunny day can't be beaten when working in miniature.

Following requests from many readers Frances has been working on a series of knitting patterns for Miniature Teddy Bears, the first of these new patterns is now available from our web shop-for more details see below. We also have a pattern for a boys patterned slipover in 1/12th scale. The original slipover was designed for one of Jill Bennett's dolls. For more information on this item please see below. Frances has also submitted a new pattern to 'Dolls House and Miniature Scene' and been told the pattern will be in the magazine very soon. More information on this will be available nearer the time.

BLOG SITE

The blog site is now up and running and can be accessed from our main web site by clicking on Buttercup Blog or going to:

<http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog>

We have put several entries onto the blog site which may prove of interest, plus some free knitting and crochet patterns that have featured on previous newsletters. Although some of the items may have been found on our old web site there are many new entries. The blog site is not aimed solely at people who knit and crochet and we have already had some very positive comments from people who neither knit nor crochet.

We are aiming to put items on the blog site every few days, but there will not be as many entries as there were last month in the usual course of things. If you have any ideas of things you would like to see on the blog site, or if you would like to contribute to the blog site, please do let us know.

WORKING WITH JILL BENNETT

Frances has been working with Jill Bennett recently and has done a few small pieces of 1/12th scale knitting for Jill to use on or with her dolls. This has kept Frances busy trying to design exactly what Jill required.

Jill is currently working on dolls to go on display in an exhibition of her work which will take place in the summer. A preview of one of these dolls can be seen on our blog site in the Customer Gallery. Our thanks to Jill for sending us the photographs.

Mrs Gosoftly Presents - The Storytelling Art of Jill Bennett in Miniatures and Book Illustrations

An Exhibition at Somerset Rural Life Museum, Glastonbury, Somerset
9th June to 22nd July 2007, Tuesday to Friday 10am – 5pm and weekends 2 - 6pm

More information can be found on Jill's web site at: <http://www.jillbennettdolls.co.uk>

NEW PRODUCTS ON WEB SHOP

1/12th SCALE KNITTING PATTERNS:

FP 126 Boys Patterned slipover (For experienced knitters) £ 3.00

More information on this pattern can be found on our blog site. The pattern can now be purchased from our web shop.

KNITTING PATTERNS FOR MINIATURE BEARS:

TP 2 Knitting pattern for a teddy bear's cardigan (to fit a 10cm/4-inch tall miniature teddy bear) £ 1.50

More information can be found on:

<http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/index.php?act=viewProd&productId=1142>

1/24th SCALE CROCHET PATTERNS:

TC 4 1/24th scale crochet pattern for a pet basket and rug £ 2.00

The pattern can now be purchased from our web shop.

KNITTING NEEDLES

CN 20c Crooked cable needle size 20 £ 1.75 each

The products above have all been introduced by popular demand.

If you have any ideas for products you would like to see on our web shop please, contact us.

Finally if you know of anyone else who would be interested in reading this newsletter, please feel free to forward it on.

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