



**Welcome to the Buttercup Miniatures February newsletter with a special
welcome to all our new subscribers!**

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GENERAL NEWS

Thank you to all those people who took the time to e-mail us with their lovely comments on the new web site and also those of you who sent us good wishes for a new beginning.

Frances would also like to thank all those of you who sent her good wishes for the next operation on her knee. PLEASE NOTE: the web shop will be closed whilst Frances is actually in hospital later this month.

At long last there is one new pattern (for a 1/12th scale crochet bedspread) and some lovely yarns which are all now available on our web shop.

NEW WEB SITE AND WEB SHOP - UPDATES

As some of you are aware we have had a few teething problems with the new web site, such as Zimbabwe coming up on the payment form instead of United Kingdom. Thank you to all those people who brought this to our attention.

We would also like to thank Carole and Gareth of HotScot for sorting out each of these problems for us, as soon as they became aware of them.

As mentioned above the web shop will be closed later this month whilst Frances is in hospital.

Most items have now been put back onto the new web shop from the previous web shop, however there are more items being added on a regular basis to the new shop, see below for more details.

Cassel's who made the miniature latex items, such as wellies, have now retired. As far as we know no-one has taken over their business, which means that when our remaining stocks are gone there will be no replacements. These items can ONLY be ordered through the web shop and are already going fast.

NEW PRODUCTS ON THE WEB SHOP

PATTERNS

1/12th scale Crochet pattern

CP 33 Cranesbill Lace Bedspread £ 2.00 (For experienced crochet workers).

Photos and full information can be found on our web shop.

YARNS

We are pleased to announce we have started to stock Venus threads No 70 crochet cotton. At present we have introduced 16 new colours at £ 1.20 per 5g ball:

- VN 1 Dark red
- VN 2 Pale mint green
- VN 3 Apple green
- VN 4 Dark green
- VN 5 Pale violet
- VN 6 Royal blue
- VN 7 Bright aqua
- VN 8 Dark aqua
- VN 9 Peacock blue
- VN 10 Smoke grey
- VN 11 Dark smoke grey
- VN 12 Marigold
- VN 13 Scarlet
- VN 14 Chestnut brown
- VN 15 Chocolate brown
- VN 16 Bright fuchsia pink

These crochet cottons can be used alongside or in place of DMC 80 crochet cotton and Turkish tatting thread No 70. Colours can therefore be mixed and matched.

These yarns are approximately the same thickness as the one strand of embroidery silk specified in some books on miniature knitting.

The yarns can be seen on our web shop now.

Due to demand from customers we have finally located some good quality 1-ply acrylic yarn.

1-PLY ACRYLIC YARN

10g approx (will make several items) 50p per ball

AY 1 Red

AY 2 Black

AY 3 Grey

AY 4 White

AY 5 Ecu

AY 6 Royal Blue

AY 7 Pale pink

AY 8 Pale blue

AY 9 Forest Green

AY10 Navy blue

If these yarns prove popular we will introduce more colours.

However please be aware that acrylic yarn will not give the same results as the 1-ply wool specified in our patterns. Acrylic yarn does not have as much natural 'bounce' in it as wool, and MAY cause the item you are knitting to look different (flat or overly large) to the image on the pattern photo. However many people prefer to knit with acrylic wool when first knitting in miniature as this avoids expensive mistakes!

These acrylic yarns can be found on our web shop now.

There are also some fancy knitting yarns available on the web shop. Some of these are very limited stocks, as they are end of lines. Therefore there will NOT be new stocks of these coming when they are sold out. Not all of these fancy yarns will knit as 1-ply, so check full details of the product BEFORE ordering.

NEWSLETTERS

Some people may not have received copies of this newsletter even though they were subscribers. There are several reasons for this, such as: a full inbox or their Internet Service Provider classing the e-mail as Spam, etc.

In order to solve this problem, and with Carole's assistance, we have now put a copy of the newsletter on the web site. This may also benefit people who wish to know what is happening with Buttercup Miniatures, but who do not wish to receive any more e-mails.

If you DO WISH to continue to receive the newsletter please make sure your spam controls are set to allow e-mails from us.

If you have changed your e-mail address, please notify us of both the old AND the new e-mail addresses, so we can update our records. As mentioned in the last newsletter we were unable to save records of subscribers names, only e-mail addresses. So an e-mail saying Mary Smith has changed her e-mail address to the one above, does not enable us to delete the old e-mail address from our records.

FAIR INFORMATION

Celia Thomas of KT miniatures is organising a special Fair in aid of Breast Cancer Campaign. Although we ourselves no longer attend fairs, our stockist Carol Argent of Dollysminis will be attending this fair. Dollysminis carry ALL our Knitting and Crochet patterns, plus knitting needles and a few of our other products.

This fair takes place in Oxfordshire on 17th February.

Celia writes:

Thame Dolls House & Miniatures Fair-Saturday 17th February 2007 - Thame Leisure Centre 10.00am-4.00pm

There will be some fantastic miniature artisans, many of whom would not normally come to a small suburban event such as this so we are extremely pleased that they have agreed to attend. We have also been given some truly lovely raffle prizes for our Breast Cancer Campaign Raffle plus donations are also coming in for our Breast Cancer Campaign Sales Table.

At just £2.50 admission for adults, £1.00 admission for children and under fives free, this will be a quality and value for money fair.

For more information on this fair visit: <http://www.oxnews.co.uk/Dollshouse.htm>

NEW STOCKISTS

We would like to welcome our latest stockist (at the moment they only stock a few items such as knitting needles and knitting kits):

Tudor Rose Miniatures
Unit 4 Taverham Craft Centre, Fir covert Road, Taverham, Norwich, Norfolk, NR8 6HT

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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