



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

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1. GENERAL NEWS

Hopefully many people in the UK will now be getting back to normal, after the unprecedented amounts of rain we have had over the last few weeks, causing horrendous floods to some areas. Some of you may have noticed that our main web site was offline for a little while. We would like to thank Fasthosts in Gloucester for their heroic efforts to get the system working, despite being short staffed and dealing with flooding. We would also like to thank HotScot for the recent work they have done on our site to combat spammers.

Some time ago we asked your opinions on items you wished to see more of and many of you requested more kits. We are pleased to tell you that we have introduced several new kits in 1/12th scale and also a new range of kits in 1/24th scale. Details of these new kits can be found below on the web shop additions. More 1/24th scale kits are currently in production.

Please note that although the postal strikes in the UK are now suspended it may take a week or so for the mail deliveries to return to normal.

2. ARTICLES IN MAGAZINES

We have had some very positive feedback from customers who enjoyed making the kits reviewed last month in Dolls House and Miniature Scene. Some people noticed the 1/24th scale kits were not on the web shop; the 1/24th scale versions of these kits are now available from our web shop-see below, apologies for not having put them on sooner.

In next months issue of Dolls House and Miniature Scene (No 160) there is another one of our 1/12th scale miniature knitting patterns (for smocked cushions). The magazine will be in the shops in the UK from 23rd august. The pattern will also be available from us in kit form very shortly, for those of you who are unable to locate the magazine.

3. 1-PLY COTTON YARN

At last we have sourced some good quality 1-ply cotton. This is very similar to the DMC Flower Thread, which was discontinued some years ago, being much softer than the DMC Broder Special No 25

We are now able to offer the Knitted bedspread kit (KK 4) with a cotton yarn option on our web shop. (Make sure you select the yarn type and colour from the drop down boxes or you will be sent our choice)

This 1-ply cotton will be on sale on our web shop very soon. Colours will include: white, Ecrú, sky blue, lilac, green, misty pink and peach.

More information and some photos can be found on our web blog pages at:

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

4. NEW PRODUCTS ON WEB SHOP

2mm SILK RIBBON 35p per metre

SR 18 Misty blue silk ribbon

SR 19 Pale grey silk ribbon

SR 20 Pale green silk ribbon

SR 21 Brown silk ribbon

SR 22 Old gold silk ribbon

SR 23 Lemon yellow silk ribbon

1-PLY APPLETONS MOTHPROOFED PURE NEW WOOL

W 96 Cherry Red 25m skein 50p per skein

1-PLY APPLETONS MOTHPROOFED PURE NEW WOOL 25g HANKS £ 2.50 each

WH 96 Cherry Red

WH 13 lilac

WH 07 Pale pink

WH 01 white

WH 04 Ecrú

WH 37 Very pale green

WH 78 very pale blue

WH 25 Pale yellow

These follow customer's requests for larger amounts in these colours and give a good saving for people who knit more.

FANCY YARNS

We have managed to find some more fancy yarns, but these are non-repeatable and some have very low stocks. These are ONLY available if ordered via the web shop.

All are 25m skeins and are 75p per skein

BC 3 Ecrú and metallic blue

BC 4 mid blue and silver

BC 5 Black and gold

BC 6 Maroon and gold

BC 7 cerise and gold

BC 8 Olive green and copper

BC 9 Gold and gold

BC 10 Midnight blue and purple

Customers have told us these look lovely made into miniature eveningwear

MG 6 Orange and multicolour yarn with larger coloured slubs
MG7 Grey and gold yarn (this is slightly thicker than 1-ply but resembles shiny raffia when knitted or crocheted)
SA 10 Rainbow coloured polyester boucle 60p for 25m

LINEN YARNS

We have introduced a few 100% linen yarns on our web shop, these are good for crochet work and are roughly the same thickness as No 100 crochet cotton. If these prove successful we will introduce more colours. These cost 60p for approx 25m

LIN 1 Pale blue

LIN 2 Grey/white mix

LIN 3 Terracotta/cream mix

We also have a coarser linen thread LIN 4 Stone colour which is suitable for string, string bags etc.

Supplies are very limited at present, as these are just on a trial basis to test popularity.

NET PIECES

We have also located some more fine tulle and net again these are non-repeatable and some have very low stocks. These are ONLY available if ordered via the web shop.

All pieces are pre-cut to size and cost 30p for a 10 inch/25 cm approx square

NET 22 pale blue

NET 23 Lilac

NET 24 Green

NET 25 Purple

ACCESSORIES AND KITS

1/12th SCALE KITS

Please note the chequebook kit and the pearl necklace kit now have a choice of colours.

KIT 20 set of seven cardboard milk bottle discs (c.1940's) to cut out 40p per set

KIT 21 Kit to make a photo wallet with colour photos and negatives. £ 2.00 each

KIT 22 Kit to make a photo wallet with black and white photos and negatives. £ 2.00 each

1/12th SCALE ACCESSORIES

PA 78 1/12th scale TV licence for a colour TV 50p each

We have also added several more 1/12th scale necklaces and miniature knitted items

All 1/12th scale accessories can be found on our web shop at:

<http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/index.php?act=viewCat&catId=22>

1/24th SCALE KITS

We have recently extended our range of 1/24th scale kits the first few are now available on the web shop

TWK 1 Sheet of knitting patterns to cut out £ 1.25 each set

TWK 2 Cheque book kit (Choice of colours pink, yellow or blue) £ 1.00 each

TWK 3 Necklace kit (choice of colours-white or ivory pearls) £ 1.50 each

TWK 4 Photo wallet and photos (black and white photos wallet and negatives) £ 1.50 each set

TWK 4 Photo wallet and photos (colour photos wallet and negatives) £ 1.50 each set

For more details see: <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/index.php?act=viewCat&catId=67>

5. YOUR TURN TO HAVE AN INPUT INTO OUR PRODUCTS

Once again we would like to appeal to our customers and readers of the newsletter to let us know the type of products YOU would like to see.

Many of you have requested more kits, but perhaps you would like kits for certain types of things. The main reasons given in the past for people liking kits was the feeling of achievement once you had made the kit, not how perfect the finished item was.

If we do not receive input from you then we try to think what you might like, rather than what you actually want. As an example, so many people asked if we could stock the animals shown in our pattern photos, that we now do stock them. The old adage of 'if you don't ask you don't get!' definitely applies.

Once again we are looking for ideas of the era your dolls house is based in, so we can design patterns and other items to suit these timescales.

This is your opportunity to e-mail us with your ideas of what you are finding hard to source (we are not promising we will be able to accommodate everyone). However please bear in mind that we are miniaturists and only miniaturise items that would have actually existed (For example: we do not design crochet ball gowns for Georgian period dolls, these did not exist and for that matter nor did crochet at this time!) It is also as well to remember that some items will not adapt well to miniaturisation, so your idea may need some thinking about. Whatever happens ALL ideas are welcomed and even if the ideas are not used immediately they will be filed away for future reference. Whatever happens your input is very important to us.

If you have any input for us please send an e-mail to newsletter@buttercupminiatures.co.uk with the subject line: August newsletter customer ideas

We receive a huge amount of spam so please use this e-mail address and subject line or your e-mail may be deleted.

6. CUSTOMER GALLERY/BLOG PAGES

Don't forget we are always pleased to see your photos showing any of our products in your dolls house or room box setting. If you are prepared to share your photos, then do please send them to us to place on our blog pages. You can see some other people have sent in on our Customer gallery at: <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/?cat=10>

We would also be interested if you wished to share any miniature knitting or crochet tips.

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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