



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

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1. General news

Firstly we would like to wish anyone who missed our earlier newsletter a very Happy New Year for 2012. Over the last year we have made many new friends from all around the globe and it never ceases to amaze us how people from different countries seem to find a common interest in all things miniature. We have, with this in mind, tried to make things as easy as possible for you by not only running our web shop but also our Ravelry patterns allowing 24 hour access to downloadable patterns, our Ravelry forum, newsletter and now our Twitter account (see below). It is encouraging to us that members of the Ravelry forum group, now a year old, are now involving other forum members in their own projects and sharing ideas and tips. So we hope we not only provide you with the products you need but also offer any help, support and advice, and if you would like it, contact with likeminded people worldwide.

We would like to thank all the people who have recently sent us photos of items made from our patterns. These may be viewed on our Customer Gallery pages of the blog <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/?cat=10>
If you have any photos of items made using one of our patterns and would like to see it in the customer gallery then please e-mail them to us with your name and any comments about the yarn used, pattern etc.

2. Buttercup Miniatures is now on Twitter

We are pleased to announce we are now on Twitter and you can follow us by clicking the link on this page:
<http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/?p=3331>

If you wish to keep up to date with all new patterns as they are released, details of pattern sales on Ravelry or sales/offers on our web shop, then follow us on Twitter and you will receive a tweet whenever we have news to impart. If you experience problems accessing the web site, blog or our web shop can also check on Twitter to see if we are experiencing any problems, as we will try and post a message if we do - although if this kind of problem occurs in the middle of the night (UK time), we may not be aware of any problems until the following morning.

3. Web shop news

We have been asked for packs of needles suitable for sewing up miniature knitting and crochet. We now have a selection of tapestry needles for sale on our web shop: http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/haberdashery-ribbon-and-fabric/miniature-haberdashery/cat_73.html

We would like to remind people that the rug kits are being discontinued and stocks of some rug kits are now very low.

The 1-ply pure new wool is also being discontinued as many people prefer to knit in acrylic or cotton, we are unable to obtain any more stocks of DMC wools, as DMC discontinued these wools about 4 years ago. Stocks of some colours are now very low (i.e.1 or 2 left). However in some cases the dye lots vary considerably between batches, so although we may have more stocks than shown on the web shop, only skeins from the same dye lot will be shown as available. We do not think it fair to list for example all 20 skeins we have of the same colour, but from 13 different dye lots. Once a colour is completely out of stock that colour will be removed from the web shop.

We have also decided not to replace the DMC colours with Appletons wools as originally proposed, so these wools are also being discontinued.

Don't forget that 'This month's special offers' category offers a varied selection of items each month. See: http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/offers-this-month/cat_70.html for details of all this months offers. Remember these offers will change to new offers at the beginning of February 2012.

4. Ravelry news

Don't forget that most of our patterns are available to buy as instant pdf downloads throughout the year 24 hours a day, every day of the year on our Ravelry shop <http://www.ravelry.com/stores/buttercup-miniatures-frances-powell-designs>,

Patterns recently added to Ravelry store

CP 14 1:12th scale crochet Square lap rugs **99p**

CP 38 1:12th scale crochet Ladies collar and cuffs sets **99p**

TC 5 1:24th scale crochet baby bassinet and cover **£ 2.75**

FP 73 1:12th scale knitted Girls winter dress set c. 1969 **£ 2.75**

FP 154 1:12th scale Mans Winter dungarees set **£ 3.25** (this pattern was originally released as the 2011 Advent Calendar)

TF 8 1:24th scale Ladies knitted shawl **99p**

We are pleased to announce that **ALL** our 1:24th scale knitting and crochet patterns and Teddy bear patterns are now available as instant downloads on our Ravelry store. Plus 90% of our 1:12th scale crochet patterns and over 60% of our 1:12th scale knitting patterns are currently available as instant downloads, with more being added each month. Eventually **ALL** our patterns will be available in this format, as well as printed copies available on the web shop, but preparing the new formats (and sometimes re-knitting the items for photographs) does take time, so we appreciate your patience.

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