



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

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1. General news

It was only in the January newsletter that we lamenting the severe weather that was affecting the US and Australia. All too quickly we have now had earthquakes affecting New Zealand and Japan. Thankfully, one of our regular Japanese customers has been in touch to say that they are OK. The Internet makes the world smaller, and also means that if our customers and Ravelry group members are affected by these natural disasters, we are quickly aware of their situation. We hope that wherever you are you are safe and that these disasters do not return.

2. Increase in postage rates from 1st April 2011

Following Royal Mail's recent announcement of price increases from 4th April 2011 we have unfortunately been forced to raise our postage rates yet again. In many cases the postage costs paid by you will still only a contribution to the cost of posting and packaging your parcels, and unlike some companies, we would prefer it to remain this way.

All current postage rate bands will increase by 50p, the increase will take effect on our web site from **midday on 1st April 2011**, as any items ordered after this time will not be posted until Monday 4th April 2011 and will thus incur the new prices set by Royal Mail. Full details of current postage rates can be found on our web shop information documents.

Don't forget if you wish to order patterns, you can avoid paying any postage rates altogether by buying instantly downloadable pdf versions via our Ravelry store, but please be aware not all of our patterns are yet available in this format.

3. Web shop news

1:12th scale pattern Knitting pattern (see photos below)

FP 150 Childrens Play Clothes (jogging pants and sweater for boy plus dungarees and short sleeved jumper for a girl) £ 3.00
http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/Miniature-knitting-Patterns/1-12th-scale-knitting-patterns/Childrens-patterns/Pattern-for-childrens-playclothes/prod_1834.html



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 on 1st May 2011.

4. Ravelry store news

Several brand new instantly downloadable pdf patterns, (as well as some more of our older patterns) are now available on Ravelry. The new patterns are listed below.

1:12th scale patterns

FP 150 Children's play clothes £ 2.75

Crochet patterns

Several more full size – **non-miniatures** – patterns (which are exclusive to Ravelry) have been added to our Ravelry store:

HC 9 Eire (map of Ireland) a filet crochet design. The pattern costs £ 1.75

HC 10 Alba (map of Scotland) a filet crochet design. The pattern costs £ 1.75

HC 11 England (map of England) a filet crochet design. The pattern costs £ 1.75

The set of all four patterns (including Wales) may be purchased as a set (called Maps of the British Isles eBook on Ravelry) for £5.00 a saving of £2.00, please note that if the patterns are purchased individually the saving will not apply

HC 12 Croeso (a Welsh Welcome) a filet crochet design with a raised daffodil motif. The pattern costs £ 2.75

More information and photos can be found on our Ravelry store <http://www.ravelry.com/stores/buttercup-miniatures-frances-powell-designs>.

Any new patterns and existing patterns made available as instant downloads are listed on our Ravelry group each month (see below) as they become available, but this information may only be viewed by Ravelry members.

5. Progress update for Buttercup Miniatures/Frances Powell designs on Ravelry

The group for Buttercup Miniatures on Ravelry is now growing and we now have over 50 members from around the globe in the group. There have been discussions about various aspects of miniature knitting/crochet and miniatures in general. Several members have joined in with our March/April Knit Along (KAL) for a 1:12th scale Christening gown following the successful Crochet Along (CAL) for a miniature tablecloth. Some of the finished projects are displayed on the pages of the group.

So, if you wish to be among the first to know about new patterns, join other people making similar projects and generally meet like-minded people why not join us on Ravelry?

The group can be located here: <http://www.ravelry.com/groups/buttercup-miniatures>. You will need to join Ravelry in order to access this group, but membership of Ravelry is completely free.

Frances

<http://www.buttercupminiatures.co.uk>

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