



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

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1. General news

As the autumn approaches we turn our thoughts to Christmas and of course the annual Advent Calendar on our blog, which Frances is currently working on. You will be pleased to know that we have decided to do something completely different from knitted squares this year, but it will involve a small amount of knitting (which will hopefully allow you a 10-15 minute sit down) each day of Advent.

Talking of approaching the end of the year, UK readers may have already seen advanced warnings of predicted early snowfall and low temperatures. If last year's conditions are repeated, as forecast, then we may again experience transport disruption. So if you are thinking of ordering in time for Christmas please bear in mind that somehow the UK seems to come to a virtual halt with inclement weather.

2. Web shop news

No. 70 and No 80 Threads (tattling and crochet)

Unfortunately we are no longer able to obtain supplies of the Venus Tattling threads, which we have previously stocked. As the colours we have in stock run out we will not be able to replace them, so please make sure you buy sufficient quantities to finish any projects. Some colours in the Turkish Tattling threads have also been discontinued – mainly random and variegated colours.

As mentioned in the July newsletter DMC have introduced some new colours, including many darker colour shades, but have unfortunately discontinued many other colours.

We are continually searching for new suppliers of these fine threads and will let you know as soon as we have any new threads.

1-ply pure new wool

We have decided to discontinue the skeins of 1-ply pure new wool, as many people now prefer cotton or acrylic. As colours run out we will remove them from the web shop. We still have good stocks of most colours, but only small quantities of these colours may be shown on the web shop, so that we can match dyelots of the same shade.

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 October 2011.

3. Ravelry news

We have recently added some more patterns to our Ravelry store.

1:12th scale Knitting patterns

FP 128 Man's Aran sweater (6) £ 2.25

FP 152 Man's sweater with Border Collie head on front **£2.25** **Please note:** This pattern is **exclusive** to Ravelry and is **only** available in instantly downloadable pdf format



Non-miniature (these are human sized and not designed for dolls houses)

HK 1 Sanquhar style bookmark in double/jacquard knitting **£1.75**

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

Please note that NOT ALL the Buttercup Miniatures patterns on Ravelry are for miniatures, Frances also has some non-miniature crochet patterns for sale exclusively through Ravelry.

All our patterns for miniatures have 1/12th scale, 1/24th scale or Teddy in the title. Any other patterns listed are for full size items.

Please make sure you purchase the correct scale pattern, as refunds cannot be made for instant downloads.

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

Ravelry members may also wish to join us in the 'Buttercup Miniatures' group on Ravelry, where we discuss all things miniature as well as knitting and crochet. There are also occasional Knitalongs and Crochetalongs where the group chooses a pattern to work on together and compare notes with each other or help each other out with any problems encountered. Ravelry is free to join and is a huge resource for knitting and crochet patterns, as well as a place to 'talk' to likeminded people. Why not take a quick look at what Ravelry could offer you here: <http://www.ravelry.com/tour/peek>

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