



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

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GENERAL NEWS

Frances is now back in the office part time and would like to thank everyone who has sent their good wishes for a speedy recovery. Apologies to anyone who wished to place an order through the web shop at this time, but in order to maintain our usual speedy service we thought it best to temporarily close the web shop, so Kirsten could concentrate on the Mail order side of the business.

The web shop is now back to normal, but a few of you may have had problems accessing the web shop due to a temporary glitch in the system. Gareth has now fixed this problem for us and you should experience no more problems.

Many things have happened to the web site over the last couple of months and the most recent is the welcome return of the Buttercup Blog site. We have changed our ideas on what should be included on the blog site to hopefully make it more interesting for you, rather than use it to repeat the newsletter or promotional purposes, (see below for full details).

NEWS AND BLOG SITE

Our thanks to Gareth and Edward of HotScot, who have managed to salvage and reinstate our old News and Blog site. We have updated this and it can now be found by visiting our web site at <http://www.buttercupminiatures.co.uk> and clicking the link to the Buttercup Blog

More items will be added on a regular basis so do bookmark the site and check back.

In order to keep this site active and interesting for everyone we will need your help.

If you have any photos of items you have made from our patterns or kits, which you would like to send us to display on our Customer Gallery please send photos and your name to: enquiries@buttercupminiatures.co.uk and put Customer Gallery in the subject line. If your photo was on our previous Customer gallery then we will be displaying it on our new gallery as soon as possible.

We will also gradually be putting the hints and tips which were on our previous web site on the blog site. If you wish to send in any hints and tips of your own please fill in the comment form on the web blog or e-mail us.

We will also put on free patterns from time to time, the 1/12th scale baby bonnet pattern can now be found on the Buttercup Blog.

If you have any ideas of things you would like to see on the blog site, or if you would like to contribute to the blog site, please do let us know.

NEW PRODUCTS ON THE WEB SHOP

YARNS

New colours of Appletons 1-ply mothproofed wool 25m skein 50p each

W 93 Dark rose pink

W 94 Early English green

W 95 Dark grey/green

We have had a complaint that this wool is thicker than the DMC wool and it is no good for the patterns, but as you can see if you visit the Buttercup blog, there is very little difference between the Appletons wool and the DMC wool when an item is knitted up. This difference in thickness is due to the fact that Appletons do not spin their wool as tightly as DMC used to, it knits up the same.

DMC no longer make the 1-ply wool, so if you want to stock up, do so now as our remaining stocks are going fast and we are unable to replace it once it has gone. Other retailers in the UK are in the same position and may also have limited stocks of DMC wool.

KNITTING KITS

We have decided to offer two of our knitting kits with a choice of pure new wool or acrylic yarn, prices are the same for either yarn type, but you must select the type of yarn and colour from the drop down box on the page showing the kit description. If no selection is made then we will select a type of yarn and colour for you.

Choices are currently available on KK 1 Knitted baby shawl kit-suitable for beginners and KK 4 Victorian Lace coverlet, also suitable for beginners. If the acrylic yarn proves popular we will extend the range of acrylic yarn kits.

We will be increasing our selection of knitting kits in the near future to include some of the toy patterns, starting with the elephant toy.

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, so newsletters may be sent to the old e-mail address too.

There is no need to sign up for our newsletter EVERY month - this will just mean you are sent duplicate copies of the newsletter. If you have not received a newsletter from us please check your inbox is not full before contacting us. Many newsletters are returned to us each month because people's e-mail inboxes are already at capacity!

If you prefer NOT to receive this newsletter then please follow the instructions at the bottom of this e-mail

FREE PATTERNS IN NEWSLETTERS

It has been decided that the free patterns in the newsletters will only be sent to e-mail subscribers.

The free patterns WILL NOT be put on the newsletters which are displayed on the web site.

If you signed up in order to receive free patterns then please make sure you are still an e-mail subscriber. If you wish to subscribe to the newsletter please visit our web site at: <http://www.buttercupminiatures.co.uk> and subscribe by clicking the newsletter icon on the left hand panel.

Some of the free patterns may appear at a later date on our blog site, others will be incorporated into patterns which can be purchased through our web shop.

NEW STOCKISTS

We would like to welcome our latest stockists:

UNITED KINGDOM:

Barbara Anne Miniatures
4b Station Road, Blackrod, Bolton, Lancashire, BL6 5BN
Tel: 01204 667755
<http://www.ba-dollshouses.co.uk/>

NORWAY:

Bitteliten Broderi og Daapskjoler, (stocks our needles and some 1-ply wool)
Buhagen 2,
4322 SANDNES
NORWAY

FAIR UPDATE

Those of you who read last month's newsletter will know that Celia Thomas of KT miniatures organised a special Fair (in Oxfordshire on 17th February) in aid of Breast Cancer Campaign. Although we ourselves no longer attend fairs, our stockist Carol Argent of Dollysminis attended this fair mentioned to us that she could not believe how good the fair was, 'it was really busy & such a lovely fair as well, like dolls house fairs used to be'.

Celia herself told us:

'The fair was a great success with a lovely atmosphere and I can now tell you that the final total raised for Breast Cancer Campaign is £1,450.05 so not bad eh? Several stand holders made comments that our fair reminded them on how dolls house fairs used to be which I am extremely pleased about as that is exactly what we were trying to create.'

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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