



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

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### 1. General news

By now people who have ordered from us on our web shop since 30<sup>th</sup> April will have seen the new postage and packing rates (see below). As we said in our last newsletter we have tried to minimise the effect and have only increased UK rates by a maximum of 20% with postage on orders up to the value of £7.50 remaining unchanged (despite Royal Mail increases of up to 80%). For non-European destinations the increase sadly is around 42% and prices to Europe have doubled due to Europe being taken out of UK rates by Royal Mail. We have decided to stick with Royal Mail for the moment as they guarantee delivery to every UK address for the same price (no consolation for non UK customers we appreciate).

If it is solely patterns you are looking for remember our Ravelry store is available 24/7 for instantly downloadable patterns, with no need to wait several hours for an email from us with your pattern(s) attached, as the e-mail is sent as soon as your payment has been completed. These patterns are also offered at a cheaper cost than buying from the web shop and entirely postage and packing free. See section 4 for more details.

Don't forget you can check the postage and packing rates before you place your order, so you know what to expect. These rates can be found on the web shop (look at the very bottom of any page on the web shop and click the link to 'Postage Rates').

We have given this subject a lot of coverage as we feel it is only right to make it clear how much and why we have increased our P&P rates rather than try to hide the facts and hope it goes unnoticed. More details of new postage rates and reasons for increasing the cost of some items have been posted on our blog pages <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/?p=3482>

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### 2. Office closure 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012 for The Queens Diamond Jubilee

Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 will be Public Holidays (for the Queens Diamond Jubilee) in the UK and the main office will be closed.

Any orders placed via the web shop will be processed and despatched as soon as possible, but please bear in mind we can only despatch parcels when the Post Office is open and Royal Mail do not operate on Public Holidays. The main office will NOT be staffed during this time, so telephone calls will NOT be answered until 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012

If you have a query regarding an order placed on the web shop during this time please e-mail us via the web shop. We will endeavour to answer your query as quickly as possible (usually within 24 hours). All other e-mail queries will be answered when the office reopens on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

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### 3. Web shop news

#### Discontinued lines

McQueenie Miniatures have announced that they have discontinued their range of 1:24<sup>th</sup> scale items. We still have a few 1:24<sup>th</sup> scale wooden kits, but will not be able to replace these when sold: [http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/1-12th-and-1-24th-scale-kits/1/24th-scale-kits/cat\\_67.html?page=1](http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/1-12th-and-1-24th-scale-kits/1/24th-scale-kits/cat_67.html?page=1)

#### Crochet hooks

0.40 mm and 0.50 mm crochet hooks are now back in stock on our web shop

#### Limited Edition/Limited stocks

**BM 7** 1:12<sup>th</sup> scale red glass fishing float £ 7.50 each VERY LIMITED STOCKS

[http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/1-12th-scale-accessories/Miscellaneous-accessories/1-12th-scale-red-glass-fishing-float/prod\\_1930.html](http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/1-12th-scale-accessories/Miscellaneous-accessories/1-12th-scale-red-glass-fishing-float/prod_1930.html)

**FAB 46** Cinnamon brown 'moleskin' fabric 12-inch/30 cm square approx. £1.00 per piece (all ready cut to size)

**NET 18** Pale gold net pieces 12-inch/30 cm square approx 50p per piece (all ready cut to size)

#### New colours DMC 80



**CC 22** Candy pink £2.09 per 5g ball

**CC 61** Mint green £2.09 per 5g ball

**CC 62** Buttercup yellow £2.09 per 5g ball

**CC 63** Dark lemon yellow £2.09 per 5g ball

**CC 64** Pale flesh pink £2.09 per 5g ball

Black (CC 24) and White (CC 1) are now also back in stock

See [http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/crochet-and-tatting-threads/no-80-crochet-cotton/cat\\_87.html](http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/crochet-and-tatting-threads/no-80-crochet-cotton/cat_87.html) for more details

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](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 June 2012.

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#### 4. Ravelry news

##### **Knitting patterns added to Ravelry this month:**

**FP 43** 1:12<sup>th</sup> scale Boys underwear c. 1930-1940s **£ 2.75**

**FP 45** 1:12<sup>th</sup> scale Girls underwear c. 1930-1940s **£ 2.75**

##### **Non-miniature crochet patterns**

The first of our new set of zodiac designs is now ready to buy exclusively from Ravelry

**HC 18** Taurus the Bull filet crochet **99p**

See <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/taurus-the-bull> for full details



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>,

All our 1:12<sup>th</sup> scale crochet patterns, all 1:24<sup>th</sup> scale patterns and all Teddy Bear patterns are now available on our Ravelry store. We have a few 1:12<sup>th</sup> scale knitting patterns still to format (and in some cases re-knit for photographs), but hope to have all these knitting patterns on Ravelry by the end of the year.

Frances

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