



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

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1. General News

Judging by how busy we have been recently it seems that the snowy weather in the UK has made people think twice about gardening and it seems people prefer to sit by the fire knitting, crocheting or making kits. Or perhaps it is just the fact that more people are taking up knitting and crochet as a relaxing hobby.

We have also launched the first of the new knitting patterns promised last month (see below for further details) and Frances is nearing completion on a 1/12th scale knitted girl's party dress. Unfortunately Frances has not had time to finish designing the free pattern we were intending to put in this issue of the newsletter, hopefully it will be ready for next month.

To add to the spring feeling (in the UK at least) we have also introduced some new 1/12th scale flower kits, these are also available from our web shop and would look good inside or outside the dolls house.

We have also added some more photos to the customer's gallery on our web blog and are always keen to see more photos of your finished items. If you are particularly pleased with a finished item made from one of our patterns or kits, then don't be shy, please send us a photograph so we can share it. If you are not able to take digital photos then send us a good old-fashioned photo (unfortunately we are not able to return these.) Whichever type of photo you send please put a note with it saying you will allow us to use it on our customer gallery.

2. New web shop items and April Offers

Knitting needles:

KN 15S Size 15 single ended knitting needles (6 inch/18 cm approx long) **£ 3.50** per pair

CN 15 Size 15 straight cable needle **£ 1.00** each.

1/12th scale knitting patterns:

FP 127 Mans Aran jumper 6 **£ 3.00**

FP 128 Ladies evening gown c.1933 **£ 3.00**

Both of the above patterns are available at a reduced introductory price on our web shop this month see 'Offers this month' on the web shop.

FP 129 1/12th scale pattern for a rabbit toy for a dolls house (**Note: This rabbit toy is the SAME as the one on FP 49 Child's bedding**) **£ 1.50**

This proved popular so we are keeping this pattern on our lists.

April offer:

The following offer is a web shop exclusive and can ONLY be ordered via the web shop, as stocks are limited:

SP 041 Kit to make either a 1/12th scale or 1/24th scale chequebook, colour choice will be ours. **75p each**
If you require a specific colour then you can still order through the kit pages, but you will pay **full price**.

New 1/12th scale Flower kits £ 6.50 each:

FK 04 Polyanthus kit

FK 45 Crocus kit

FK 09 Geranium kit

FK 41 Michaelmas daisy kit

FK 32 Viola Jacanapes kit

FK 19 English Marigold kit

Assorted colours, choice will be ours according to stocks.

The kit includes generous amounts of materials to make at least one or two flower plants. Also included in the kit are a flowerpot and planting materials. Kits produced in England by The Amber Giraffe.

These kits come from a new supplier. We will no longer stock the flower kits made by The Blackberry Patch when our current supplies are exhausted.

See web shop for full details: http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/shop.php/flower-kits/1-12th-scale-kits/1-12th-and-1-24th-scale-kits/c_31.html

3. Articles in Magazines

The article on our point protectors has been put in Knit Today (April 2008), which is on sale now.

<http://www.knit-today.co.uk/> for more details of the magazine.

4. E-mails to Buttercup Miniatures

If you e-mail us with a query please make sure you have set your Spam controls to allow e-mail messages from Buttercup Miniatures. We have several instances recently where we have received a query, sent a reply and the reply has been rejected by the person's inbox.

These messages are returned to us and you are probably wondering why we have not replied to your query!

5. Problems with online payments via HSBC bank

We apologise to anyone who experienced problems paying online during the HSBC bank problems. HSBC has apologised to us for any inconvenience caused by the system being down for several days on more than one occasion. They are now closely monitoring the situation to ensure it does not happen again.

Unfortunately this is completely out of our control. All online payments are processed directly by HSBC and we do not receive the card information at any point.

Our thanks to all those customers affected who waited patiently to pay for their orders or who found other ways of paying.

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