



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

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### 1. General news

We would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year for 2011!

We are sending this newsletter out much earlier than normal, as some of the final posting dates to countries such as Australia South Africa and New Zealand fall very soon. Please note that if you live outside the UK and wish to place an order in December to arrive in time for Christmas to check the last posting dates on our web shop. Any areas greyed out will have already passed the last posting dates, if this is the case we will still post items to you, but Royal Mail cannot guarantee arrival BEFORE Christmas. If you want your items for Christmas please check the dates before you place your order. We are also suffering from unusually severe weather conditions at the moment and the UK's Royal Mail are advising that there could be disruption to mail services as a result. We will continue to process orders normally and will endeavour as far as we are able to maintain the level of service we normally provide.

Although the main office will be closed over the Christmas holidays, the web shop and Ravelry store will still be operational, full details are given below.

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### 2. Last posting dates for Christmas

Please be aware that the last posting dates for Christmas are very close, so if you want to order something from our web shop to arrive in time for Christmas please check the dates before you order. Although we will endeavour to send items out as fast as we can, if you order on the last posting date your order may miss the deadline and may not arrive in time.

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

South & Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Far East (including Japan), Australia and New Zealand

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

Eastern Europe, USA and Canada

#### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

Western Europe

#### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010**

United Kingdom

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### 3. Christmas Closure

The main office will be closed from mid-day 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 until 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011. 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 when the Post Office is open and Royal Mail may not operate a full service over the Christmas period.

Please note that as we will be operating with a skeleton staff over the Christmas period, the main office will NOT be staffed during this time, so telephone calls will NOT be answered until 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and any orders arriving via the post may not be despatched.

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 fast as possible (usually within 24 hours). All other e-mail queries will be answered when the office reopens on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011. Don't forget that patterns can still be purchased and instantly downloaded at any time from our Ravelry store (see section 5)

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### 4. Web shop news

#### 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale knitting pattern

**FP 149** Man's cabled V-neck sweater and slipover [£3.00](#)

#### 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale Hampers - Limited stocks

We are once again offering specially packed 'Hampers' on our web shop, filled with a selection of miniature items in 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale. We had many lovely comments about these last year. Some people bought them for friends, others for themselves and a couple of people said it solved the problem of what to put in the Christmas Present dip at their local Miniatures Club.

These are available on our web shop for [£10.00](#) each plus postage.

See: [http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/Dolls-House-Accessories/Gift-Hampers/Lucky-Dip-hamper/prod\\_1731.html](http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/Dolls-House-Accessories/Gift-Hampers/Lucky-Dip-hamper/prod_1731.html) for full 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 month's offers.

Remember these offers will change on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to new offers.

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### 5. Articles in magazines

Our latest pattern to be published in a magazine is a pattern for a 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale Man's V-neck cable slipover jumper, which can be found in Issue 199 (January 2011) of Dolls House and Miniature Scene.

For those of you unable to obtain the magazine, the pattern (FP 149) is also available to buy from our web shop and in instantly downloadable form from our Ravelry store. The pattern FP 149 also offers a version of the sweater with sleeves in addition to the slipover.

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## 6. Advent calendar project 2010



This has now started on our blog pages at: <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/>

Full details of the Advent Calendar project and materials required to make it were published on our blog pages on November 30<sup>th</sup>, a new part of the project will be added each day from 1<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> December. The project will stay online until mid January to allow people going away for Christmas time to print off the pattern, the pattern will then be removed.

For those of you who missed the 2009 Advent Calendar, the pattern (1:12<sup>th</sup> scale sampler cot cover) is now available to buy as an instantly downloadable pdf for £ 3.25 from our Ravelry store at <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/112th-scale-sampler-cot-cover>

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## 7. Christmas offer - Special offer next few days only - claim a free pattern with your order

This was a special offer for newsletter subscribers only.

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

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