



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

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1. General news

We are always pleased to hear from our customers, especially news on how their projects and knitting are going. However we recently had a call from a gentleman who was looking for silver thread. We assumed that this was required to make the chain-mail for our knight (FP 78). But the quantity he needed seemed to be far in excess of that required. It transpires that this particular thread is ideal for tying fishing flies to the line! The word has gone around and another call for the same thread soon followed. We are not yet considering changing our name to Buttercup Miniatures and Fishing Supplies but it is intriguing that some of our products are useful to more than just miniaturists!

2. Web shop news

DMC Fil a Dentelles/Special Dentelles (No 80 crochet cotton)

Please note that although DMC have increased the number of colours they manufacture in this thread from 56 to 72, they have discontinued many of the colours we stock, as these sell out we will not be able to replace them.

Please make sure you buy sufficient thread to complete your project, as some colours now have very limited stocks. All discontinued colours have been marked as 'discontinued' on the web shop.

Discontinued DMC 1-ply wools

Customers have noticed that we sometimes show very small quantities on discontinued yarns (for example one skein of wool in stock and then later update the same yarn to show three), this is because some of the yarns have noticeably different dye lots and we do not mix them. We feel that it would not be fair to a customer requiring more than one skein of wool to complete a project to receive 2 or more dye lots in the colour. Many of our remaining stocks of DMC 1-ply wool are now VERY low and we are not able to obtain any more once these are gone.

1-ply multi colour acrylic yarns

We have managed to source some multi coloured 1-ply yarns which are available in 50 metre balls at 60p each

LK 1 Pink, yellow orange	LK 2 Grey multi	LK 3 Blue multi	LK 4 Green and yellow
LK 5 Brown and beige	LK 6 Pewter multi	LK 7 Navy blue multi	LK 8 Lilac and green multi

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 month's offers. Remember these offers will change to new offers on 1st March 2011.

3. Ravelry store news

Several more 1/12th scale patterns and a new full size – **non miniatures** – pattern (which is exclusive to Ravelry) have been added to our Ravelry store.

The new full size pattern is

HC 8 Cymru (map of Wales) a filet crochet design. The pattern costs £ 1.75

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

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

4. Group for Buttercup Miniatures/Frances Powell designs on Ravelry

Following the response from the last newsletter Frances has now started a group for Buttercup Miniatures on Ravelry.

(<http://www.ravelry.com>)

We currently have over 30 members from around the globe, in the group and there have been discussions about various aspects of miniature knitting/crochet and miniatures in general. Several members have joined in with a Crochet Along (CAL) and are posting photos of their completed miniature projects. This is continuing throughout February for anyone who wishes to join us.

Other members have joined to gain more experience with miniature knitting and crochet or obtain help with patterns. All levels of experience are catered for, from novice to experienced.

So if you wish to be kept up to date about new patterns, join other people making similar projects and generally meet like minded people why not join us on Ravelry.

The group can be located here: <http://www.ravelry.com/groups/buttercup-miniatures>. You will need to join Ravelry in order to access this group, but membership of Ravelry is completely free.

Frances

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