



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

**Featured in the newsletter this month:**

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5. Birthday Celebrations

**1. General news**

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

Who knows how currency exchange rates work?! However and whatever makes them go up and down currently we are experiencing cheaper Pound Sterling £ rates against both the Euro € and US Dollar \$. This means for people whose home currency is either the Euro or US Dollar our prices are even more attractive. How long this will last for we don't know, but don't miss out on making the most of the currency rates if yours is favourable at the moment.

Following requests from customers we have added some more kits to our range of 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale kits. These are all now on our web shop and full details can be found below. Frances is also working on some more 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale knitting patterns, which will be available soon.

Our thanks also to all those of you who took the trouble to send us e-mails to say how much you enjoyed the Christmas Countdown blog pages.

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**2. Web Shop News**

There are several new offers on our web shop this month including the calendar kit listed below.

For full details visit our web shop at: [http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/offers-this-month/cat\\_70.html](http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/offers-this-month/cat_70.html)

**New items on web shop:**

**1/12<sup>th</sup> scale kits**

**KIT 25** Kit to make a 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale 2009 Calendar £ 1.50 Please note this is similar to the free project, but has much clearer photos.

**KIT 26** Gun Dog Paperwork kit – pedigree certificate, Field Trials certificates, rosettes and dog licence £ 3.00

**KIT 27** Confetti and box kit £ 2.75

**KIT 28** Box of notelets kit £ 3.00

Full details of all the new kits can be found on our web shop at <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/>

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**3. Free project for 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale (2009) calendar kit**

On our blog pages this month we feature a free printable Calendar kit to make a 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale 2009 Calendar. Unfortunately due to restrictions on the size of the photos we are able to upload the quality is not as clear as we would like, we are therefore also offering you a chance to buy the calendar as a kit (see above)

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#### 4. DMC Price increases

DMC did their usual trick of giving us no notice of price increases and to add insult to injury sent the letter out to arrive over Christmas when their offices were closed! Their price increases will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009, but we hope to hold off having to increase our prices until we run out of our existing stocks and have to re-order.

We are currently looking around for other suppliers of the very fine crochet threads (No 100) and if anyone knows of manufacturers of this thread, other than Coats, we would be grateful if you could let us know.

We have also decided we will no longer be stocking the DMC Broder Spécial No 25 when our current stocks run out. All our current stocks are shown on the web shop, once these are gone we cannot supply any more so please ensure you buy enough to complete your project from the start. We are hoping however to increase the range of colours in the alternative 1-ply cotton we now stock.

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#### 5. Birthday Celebrations

Buttercup Miniatures was formed 10 years ago, at the end of March 1999 and to mark this occasion we will be offering various special offers, free patterns and competitions for email newsletter subscribers during the whole of our Birthday year from April 2009 to March 2010. Details will be given to subscribers in the newsletter each month starting April. These offers and competitions will ONLY be open to e-mail newsletter subscribers.

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