



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

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1. General news

A recent bereavement and other family commitments have affected our intentions of being able to present new patterns to you. Those of you who live in the southern part of the UK and parts of Western Europe will be thankful the recent heatwave has now finished. The extreme heat has also affected our new design work but hopefully with the weather now cooler we will have some new patterns for you soon.

The time has also come for your annual input into Buttercup Miniatures. Many improvements have been made to Buttercup Miniatures at customers' suggestions. We also like to give you this opportunity to have an input into what we design and sell. For full details see section 4 below.

2. Web shop news and new items

Some of you may have noticed some strange happenings on the web shop recently, most noticeably changes of headers. These occurred during the recent routine upgrade, which is now complete. Our thanks to Dagan and Carole at HotScot who completed this for us.

1/12th scale knitting pattern

FP 146 Mans crew neck sweater [£ 1.50](#)

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 months offers. Remember these offers will change on 1st August to new offers.

3. Reminder - Summer multi use discount voucher for our web shop

This was for e-mail newsletter subscribers only

4. Your suggestions required

For those of you who have subscribed to the newsletter for any length of time, you will know that at this time of year we ask for your suggestions as to what you would like to see us sell on the web shop. Is there any miniature item that compliments our range that you are unable to easily find? Is there a particular era in pattern design you would like to see us cover more fully? Are you having problems sourcing kits of a particular type?

Thanks to previous feedback we now stock the animals and some of the small accessories we have used in our pattern photos. We have also increased our own range of kits, sizes of knitting needles carried and added more crochet patterns to our range.

Would you like to see the range of non-Buttercup Miniatures accessories and kits we carry increased? Customers also asked for smaller balls of acrylic wool, so we now offer a choice of large and small size balls.

We like to know the eras of the miniatures you collect (Tudor, Victorian, 1940's, etc) and the scale you prefer to work in. For example does anyone require patterns for 1/16th scale? (Although we do not feel we can work in scales smaller than 1/24th and keep the quality and detail required) This helps us design the type of patterns that YOU want (although please remember we do not design 'dolls clothes' but rather scaled down versions of human clothing. We have had e-mails saying people have redesigned our patterns to fit their dolls, this is fine, but we have scaled down the measurements of the actual garment and a dress designed to fit a 1940's matron may not necessarily fit a china doll with a Victorian shape figure.

What do you prefer to knit, i.e. do you wish to see more fine cotton knitting on small needles, more knitting on larger (size 18 to size 14 knitting needles), more lace, more Aran, more Fair Isle work?

If you crochet what size hook do you prefer to use? Do you want more crochet patterns (remember that most clothes do not always adapt well to miniature crochet and look out of scale)?
Do you prefer your crochet patterns charted or written?

In an earlier survey we asked if people preferred kits or ready made items and received a lot of e-mails saying generally you preferred kits, is this still the case?

Please let us know your thoughts on these matters. If you do not send us your wishes we will produce items we think you would like and these may not necessarily be the same as what you actually want.

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