



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

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3. Winning entries - Final Birthday Competition

1. General news

We have recently seen an increase in orders from non-UK customers, particularly from the US. Some of this may be down to the currently more favourable \$/£ exchange rates. In December last year US dollar customers were paying around \$1.63 to buy £1 of our goods. At the time of writing it is costing around \$1.50 (the actual rate charged will be determined by the card processor at the time of the transaction). This will go up and down due to various factors, but one issue thought to be affecting rates is the forthcoming British general election. So while the Brits put on hold their holidays to the US, our friends 'over the pond' can benefit from keener prices!

Competition results – We know you are eagerly awaiting the outcome of this one. In our latest competition all you had to do was to name the knight. We thought for example: *Sir Knitalot of Cardigan*, *Sir Kit the Shocking*, *Sir Tain de Ath*, or *Lord Elpus*. You came up with much better ideas, full details of the winning entries can be found in section 3.

Just a reminder that we are now very near to the end of our 10th birthday year and to remind those of you who have discount vouchers you can continue to use them until 31st March 2010, after this date the vouchers will expire. Also a reminder that our postage prices will also increase on 1st April 2010.

2. Web Shop News

This month, we have a few new items you may be interested in, these new products can be found at the bottom of the homepage on our web shop: <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk>

1/12th scale Knitting patterns

FP 143 Aran sweater 8 (for a 1/12th scale man) £ 3.00

FP 144 Mans Norwegian style sweater £ 3.00

1/12th scale knitting kits

KIT 8 Patchwork Cot cover £ 12.00 Kit contains pattern, size 19 knitting needles, cable needle and 6 colours of yarn
Please note this pattern was originally published on the blog pages as the 2009 Advent Calendar.

Fabric

NET 28 12-inch/30 cm square of off white fine net (This is a Victorian white rather than a bright white) 30p each

FAB 34 12-inch/30 cm square of very fine denim 95p each

Yarns

1-ply acrylic yarn Following requests from customers, who wanted some smaller balls of yarn, we now offer the balls of yarn in two sizes (50 metres approx) for 30p per ball and the original size ball (100 metres approx) for 50p per ball.

TT 36 Chestnut brown Turkish Tattling thread 5 g ball £ 1.00 each

'This month's special offers' category offers a selection of XXXXX and other items, 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 April to new offers.

3. Winning entries Final - Birthday Competition "Oh what a knight!"

Again we were amazed by the quality and quantity of your responses, so we have awarded a prize in each category of patterns and twin set (see below).

We were particularly impressed with all those entries from people whose first language may not be English (no offence at all intended to our Scottish winner!).

We had a number around the theme of Sir "Dar", which were very clever. Some were a play on words around "Sir" such as our patterns winner or Sir Cle Cotton, Knight of the Garter; Sir Loin Stake & Sir Prise etc. As you would imagine most revolved around some form of knitting term, however one commendable entry was Sir Vincent Starry-Starry Knight!

The winning entries were:

Patterns – Louise Saunders, Scotland - with the name Sir Jekyll Stockings

Twin set – Caroline Weeser-Krell, Germany – with the name Sir Glitterknitter

Thank you to all that entered and we hope you enjoyed taking part as much as we did reading your entries. We must admit there was more than one occasion where on first reading there was a 'what?' exclaimed, but on second or third time 'Oh I get it!

Frances

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