



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

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1. General news

Barely a day seems to pass where there isn't some news of one financial crisis or another. Banks for whatever reason are still reporting difficult times, unemployment is rising and as some of our European friends will know only too well, whole countries are struggling to pay their way. Call for 'austerity measures' or 'belt tightening' will be further unwelcome news for many of our readers. So, it is always nice to retreat to our hobbies to get away from reality occasionally. An hour in a garden, painting or some other recreational escape is always welcome. In our miniature worlds there are no crises and we can get on with miniature life as normal. Try it, it may be just the tonic you need and to start you off we have included a free pattern in this newsletter.

2. Office closure May 30th 2011

May 30th is a Public Holiday in the UK. The web shop and Ravelry pattern store will still operate as normal, but telephones will NOT be manned, so if you have any order queries please e-mail and we will reply as soon as we can. The Public Holiday will of course mean that items ordered from our web shop may take longer to reach you than normal, as Royal Mail and the Post Office are also affected by this Public Holiday. Any orders placed through our web shop on the Public Holiday (or over the weekend of the Public Holiday) will not be despatched until the following Tuesday or Wednesday.

3. Web shop news

Please note that many of the DMC No 80 threads and some of the Turkish tatting variegated threads we stock have been discontinued. Many of these threads now have very limited stocks and we will not be able to replace them once our current stocks are sold. We will endeavour to replace the DMC threads with similar colours where possible, but many of the paler colours are now discontinued.

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 to new offers on 1st June 2011.

4. Ravelry store news

Several more instantly downloadable pdf patterns, have recently been added to our Ravelry store. These patterns are listed below.

FP 96 1:12th Working mans sweater c. 1910-1925

FP 124 1:12th Ladies blousette front c. 1943

FP 10 1:12th scale Ladies tailored frock c. 1948

TF 6 1:24th scale Mans Jogging set

TF 4 1:24th scale Mans jumpers

CP 48 1:12th scale crochet lamp shades

CP 50 1:12th scale piano runner

CP 47 1:12th scale Ladies shoulder shawl c. 1880-1915

CP 42 1:12th scale plant pot covers

TC 2 1:24th scale Lace tablecloth and table mats

More information and photos 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 as they become available, but this information may only be viewed by Ravelry members. Ravelry is free to join.

5. Free 1:12th scale knitting pattern for a tray cloth

This pattern was offered free to newsletter subscribers only. If you wish to subscribe to our monthly newsletter please see our [main web site](#) for details.



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