



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

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1. General news

The UK postal strikes have now been called off until the New Year, so deliveries will be unaffected up to and over Christmas. A long-term deal has yet to be agreed but at least progress has been made so that the recent disruption has finished. Japan has reported its second consecutive quarter of economic growth, hopefully signalling the start of better times for the global economy. Naturally the downturn has affected us all, but we will continue to celebrate our birthday year with further offers and competitions until the end of March 2010. Look out for more exciting announcements soon.

2. Advent Calendar

Judging by the comments we received last year, many of you enjoyed our Countdown to Christmas on the blog pages (for those of you who missed it the articles are still on the blog pages, just click on the category for December 2008).

So this year we have planned an Advent calendar with a difference. This will comprise a project for miniature knitters of all abilities.

Full details of the Advent calendar will appear on our blog pages (<http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/>) towards the end of November. This will give you time to prepare your supplies ready for commencing the project.

The complete project will then be published on the blog in 24 parts, with a new part each day of Advent (from 1st to 24th December 2009)

We would of course love to see your completed Advent project when it is finished, so please do send us photos of the completed item when you have knitted it.

3. Sharing hints and tips

We are often asked for hints and tips by people new to miniature knitting and crochet, so if anyone reading this newsletter has any useful hints and tips they would be prepared to share, please would you send them to us marking the subject as 'Knitting Tips'.

We would like to publish these on our blog pages in the Hints and Tips section. You will be credited for sharing the tip, so please would you also let us know how you would like to be signed (i.e. Mrs F P, Mrs Powell, Frances Powell, etc)

Remember these hints and tips pages are not just read by people who are new to the hobby, but also by people who are experienced at working in miniature. You can always learn something new, no matter how long you have been knitting or crocheting.

4. Web Shop News

This month, we have some new items you may be interested in and most of these new products can be found at the bottom of the homepage on our web shop: <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk>
We have also added some more hand knitted 'one of a kind' miniatures in both 1/12th and 1/24th scale, which can be found in the Dolls House Accessories section of the web shop

1/12th scale crochet patterns

CP 50 Piano runner £ 1.50

1/12th scale accessories

PA 128 Set of two photos - The Admirals Inspection £ 2.50 per set (You may be interested to know that Frances appears on both photos)

PA 129 Receipt from a garage c. 1950's 75p each

PA 130 Army Discharge paper c. 1947 75p each

PA 131 Sheet music for piano c. 1900-1910 – set of two £ 2.00 set

1/24th scale accessories

PTF 43 Sheet music for piano c. 1900-1910 – set of two £ 1.75 set

There are also several new offers in both 1/12th and 1/24th scale on our web shop this month some linked to the themes loosely based on keeping warm, Christmas and events that take place in November.

For full details visit our web shop at: http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/offers-this-month/cat_70.html

Offers in this category will change on the 1st of each month to new offers

5. Articles online

From the 1st December Artisans in Miniature will feature an Advent Calendar on their site, one of the days will feature a crochet pattern by Frances. Each day there will be a new project featured, each project being by a different Artisan, so the projects will be varied in nature and there is sure to be something to suit you.

To check out the calendar visit <http://www.artisansinminiature.com>, but remember this doesn't actually start until December 1st 2009

6. Last posting dates for Christmas

Please make a note of these last dates and remember that if you leave ordering until the actual last order day, you may not get your parcel before Christmas, as all orders are dealt with in the order we receive them.

Any orders received **AFTER** 9 am (Local UK time) on the last posting date for your country may **NOT** be posted that day.

All orders received after these dates will be processed as usual by us, but Royal Mail cannot guarantee delivery before Christmas.

INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL

Friday 4th December

South & Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Far East, Asia, New Zealand and Australia

Thursday 10th December

Japan, USA, Canada and Eastern Europe

Friday 11th December

Western Europe

UNITED KINGDOM

Monday 21st December - The very last posting date for first class items

You may also be interested if you live in the UK in the information that Royal Mail are also making extra deliveries before Christmas:

Firstly in the week leading up to Christmas they will be delivering in the evening and on Sunday 20th December, plus if you are out when they try to deliver the collection offices will be open later from 14th December.

Full information will be given on the while you were out card.

Frances

<http://www.buttercupminiatures.co.uk>

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