



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

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### 1. General news

As Christmas approaches we have again added final posting dates to the newsletter below as a reminder. Please remember however if you are looking for knitting patterns we have a wide range available on our Ravelry site, which is open right through the festive season.

If you have ever bought a pattern that specifies a particular yarn to use, and you don't have that one in your workbasket, you may wonder if there are any substitute yarns you could use. We are often asked this question, and so we have compiled a list of common substitutes by thickness of yarn on our blog site: <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/?p=3065> We don't promise that the item will knit up identically to the original specified yarn, but it will hopefully help you to get acceptably close without tracking down more yarns.

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### 2. Web shop news - recently added products and offers



**PA 132** Six sheets of 1:12<sup>th</sup> scale Christmas wrapping paper **85p**

[http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/1-12th-scale-accessories/Paper-items-and-books/1-12th-scale-Christmas-wrapping-paper/prod\\_1900.html](http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/1-12th-scale-accessories/Paper-items-and-books/1-12th-scale-Christmas-wrapping-paper/prod_1900.html)

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](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 at the beginning of December 2011.

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### 3. Ravelry news

We have added some more 1:12<sup>th</sup> scale instantly downloadable patterns to our Ravelry store:

#### Knitting

**FP 133** Ladies jumper front and neck warmers for ladies and gentlemen **£1.99**

#### Crochet

**CP 13** Door Mats **99p**

**CP 19** Baby bibs **99p**

**CP 20** Lace baby shawl **99p**

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### 4. Advent Calendar 2011

Just a reminder that the Advent Calendar on our blog pages <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/> will start on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 and a new part of the pattern will be added each day until 24<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The Advent calendar will remain available for free on our blog pages until mid-January 2012, when it will be removed and be released as a pattern to buy.

**To participate you will require the following materials:** 1 pair size 19 (1mm/US 00000) knitting needles, 3 stitch holders or safety pins, 75 metres/82 yards 1-ply yarn in main colour (the project on the Advent calendar used red), 50 metres/55 yards 1-ply yarn in contrast colour (the project on the Advent calendar used white), adult male dolls house doll (optional).

The project this year is only Christmas based as regards to colours, so if you do not celebrate Christmas you are still welcome to join in and make a winter outfit for a male doll. The actual outfit will be revealed on the blog pages on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 with the first part of the pattern.

If you wish to join us on the Buttercup Miniatures group on Ravelry, we will be knitting the Advent calendar as a KAL (knit-along) and comparing notes and sharing photos during December 2011. (For details of how to join Ravelry see here: <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/?p=3058> )

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### 5. Last posting dates for Christmas 2011

Although this was mentioned in the last newsletter, we thought it best to send out a reminder that Royal Mail have announced the last posting dates for Christmas 2011:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011** - South and Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Far East, Japan, Australia and New Zealand

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011** – Eastern Europe, USA and Canada

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011** – Western Europe

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011** – UK destinations

Please remember these are the last dates Royal Mail will guarantee mail to arrive in time for Christmas, however if we receive your order on the final posting dates above, we may not have time to process your order in time to meet Royal Mail's deadlines. All orders will be processed as received, but during busy times like this please place your order as soon as possible to help us avoid a back log of orders.

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