



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

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1. General news

We recently saw a TV documentary that featured a newly invented 3D printer. It isn't really a printer at all as we know it, more of an assembler for want of a better word. The 3D item grew from the base up in a kind of resin each time the "printer" head passed over it. This technology is only in its infancy at the moment but at one time so was the electronic calculator. We don't yet see a time when it will be technologically possible to allow you to download your dolls house accessories and build them yourself, but it was only in July 2010 that we began making our patterns available for instant download via Ravelry. Given the increasing popularity of our Ravelry instant pattern option we can only assume that if 3D build-your-own-accessories ever becomes viable, what a success that may be!

2. Advent Calendar 2012

Just a reminder that the Advent Calendar on our blog pages <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/> will start on 1st December 2012 and a new part of the pattern will be added each day until 24th December 2012. The Advent calendar will remain available **FREE** on our blog pages until 6th January 2013, when it will be removed and become available to purchase from our Ravelry store.

To participate you will require the following materials: 1 pair size 19 (1.00 mm/US size 00000) knitting needles; 75 metres white 1-ply yarn, 35 metres red 1-ply yarn and 25 metres green 1-ply yarn.

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 an outfit for a female doll. The actual outfit will be revealed on the blog pages on 1st December 2012 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 2012. (For details of how to join Ravelry see here: <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/?p=3058>)

If you missed any of our previous Advent Calendar patterns these are all available to buy as instantly downloadable pdf files from our Ravelry store. More details of the 2009, 2010 and 2011 Advent calendar patterns, with photos can be found on our Advent Calendar 2011 customer gallery: <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsblog/?cat=31>

3. Web shop news

New 1:12th scale patterns:

FP 155 Toddlers or Girls V-neck cardigan **£ 1.50**

Please Note that this pattern is very similar to the cardigan on FP 79 Girls School Uniform c. 1960s, however several people have asked that just the cardigan pattern was made available, with instructions to fit a toddler too.



FP 156 Boys rib jumper **£ 1.50**

For full details of new patterns see: http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/miniature-knitting-patterns/1-12th-scale-knitting-patterns/childrens-patterns/cat_41.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 for details of all this months offers. Remember these offers will change to new offers at the beginning of December 2012.

4. Ravelry news

We have recently added some more 1:12th scale knitting patterns to our Ravelry store, which are now available to buy as instant downloads (pdf)

1:12th scale knitting patterns

FP 32 12th scale knitting pattern for mans tailored waistcoat and trousers c. 1940s **£ 3.25**

FP 155 12th scale knitting pattern for Toddlers or Girls V-neck cardigan **99p**

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FP 156 1:12th scale boys rib jumper **99p**



See <http://www.ravelry.com/designers/frances-powell> to purchase plus full details and more photos of all available patterns

PLEASE NOTE: We are NOT able to offer patterns with US crochet terms for sale through our web shop, if you require US terms then please purchase via our Ravelry store.

5. Last posting dates for Christmas 2012

Just a reminder that Royal Mail have announced the last posting dates for Christmas 2012, these are as follows:

Wednesday 5th December - Asia, Australia, Far East (including Japan), New Zealand

Friday 7th December - Africa, Caribbean, Central & South America, Middle East

Monday 10th December - Eastern Europe, Canada and USA

Wednesday 12th December - Western Europe

Tuesday 18th December - 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 in the order they are received, so during busy times like this please place your order as soon as possible to help us avoid a backlog of orders.

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