



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

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1. General news

Michael O’Leary, the head of Irish low cost airline Ryanair, recently expressed his view that if global temperatures are rising it has nothing to do with man made carbon emissions. Whether you agree with him or not, one thing that that leaves little room for doubt is that the planet we hurtle through space on has finite natural resources. And we only get one chance to use them. So when we were asked to provide downloadable patterns [see below], not only did it seem a good idea for non UK customers to speed up delivery of their patterns, it also helps a tiny part in retaining our resources as our downloaded patterns don’t need fuel to carry them over land and sea. Add to which there are no packaging requirements and this method of buying patterns makes it better for the environment. We always look for ways of protecting the environment whether it is by offering the option to forgo plastic bag packing, reusing suitable cardboard in our secondary packaging, offering bundled patterns or even recycling postage stamps we receive on letters. So wherever you are in the world please consider our downloadable pattern option. Not only is it quicker and cheaper for you but better in the long term for all of us.

2. Web shop news

1/12th scale knitting patterns

FP 147 Lace Christening set **£ 3.00**

FP 148 Patterned pram cover **£ 1.50**

These patterns are also available to buy as an instant pdf download on Ravelry (see below for details)

Pattern bundles

We have decided to offer some of our linked patterns as bundles, offering a considerable saving compared to purchasing the two patterns separately.

At the moment the following bundles are available:

FB 1 Baby set 1 FP 33 Baby Layette and FP 35 Pram set **£ 5.00** for the two patterns

FB 2 Apricot Leaf set consisting of patterns FP 106 Apricot Leaf bedspread and FP 107 Apricot Leaf curtains **£ 5.00** for the two patterns

FB 3 School Uniform Set consisting of patterns FP 42 Boys school uniform and FP 44 Girls school uniform **£ 5.00** for the two patterns

Please note that the patterns will be packaged together in one bag if ‘packed in plastic bag’ is selected
If these bundles prove successful we will offer more soon.

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 on 1st October to new offers.

3. Downloadable pdf patterns - update

You no longer need to join Ravelry to buy and download our patterns. We now have about 80 of our more popular designs available as instant downloads on our Ravelry store (<http://www.ravelry.com/stores/buttercup-miniatures-frances-powell-designs>), but we are adding more each week, however please be aware this is a very slow and time consuming business.

As Ravelry is administered by a separate organisation, any vouchers issued for use in the Buttercup Miniatures web shop are not valid for use in the Ravelry shop. However due to the lower costs involved (and no shipping costs) you will find our downloadable pattern prices are usually lower than our normal printed versions available from our own web shop. Ravelry uses the same secure PayPal payment system as our own web shop and so will be familiar to regular shoppers.

For those of you who prefer to buy a printed pattern, these will still be available on our web shop, along with yarns, needles, hooks, kits and accessories

Please note that NOT ALL the Buttercup Miniatures patterns on Ravelry are for miniatures, Frances also has some non-miniature crochet patterns for sale exclusively through Ravelry. **All our patterns for miniatures have 1/12th scale, 1/24th scale or Teddy in the title.** Any other patterns listed are for full size items. Please make sure you purchase the correct size pattern, as refunds cannot be made for instant downloads.

4. Free crochet pattern

This month's free pattern can be found on our Ravelry shop (see above) as an instantly downloadable pdf file. It is labelled Round Lace Doily (near the bottom of the page showing the patterns) and although designed as a full size doily either size will fit nicely on a 4-inch/10 cm round dolls house table, depending on how much drop you want on the sides. We are also aware that some people prefer to crochet with larger hooks and thicker thread than most of our patterns use, so once again this pattern gives a choice.

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