



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2012

News from ELF Miniatures

In the UK we've had a perfect early summer – for the hobbyist! In other words, it's been rainy and cold and best spent indoors.

Have you been promising yourself one of our designer chairs? In that case, don't delay too long. Some are already impossible to get hold of as they are no longer being manufactured while others are running out fast. But the good news is that we are getting more of some of the Eames chairs – so we'll have pink and blue elephant stools back in stock, also the animal print recliner and moulded chair in yellow. We hope to have these available by the end of July.

New items from Elizabeth

Appliances for a Commercial kitchen

Elizabeth has made a range of items suitable for [commercial kitchens](#). Made in stainless steel these include range cooker (with or without extractor), fridge, dishwasher, sink unit and deep fat fryer. Priced from £55.00.



Elizabeth has also developed some new off-the-shelf domestic kitchens, available ready-made or as kits.

Cream kitchen with columns

Made from a panelled [FLEXI kit](#), with the addition of [decorative column ends](#), this kitchen has fixed doors/drawers, and a sink. The island includes a breakfast bar. It does not include the oven or dishwasher but you can select these separately from the ELF product range. Available ready-built or make it yourself from the kits.



Walnut and cream kitchen



This is available [ready-made](#) or as a [1-CLICK Kit](#). This kitchen has fixed doors/drawers, with sink and built-in oven. The minimalist lift-up wall units include an oval integrated extractor. Each unit is available with round or rectangular sink.

Featuring this issue...Cafes and Shops

From tables and chairs to commercial kitchen equipment to shop counters, ELF has a wide range of items suitable for a cafe or shop.



The [table and chairs set](#) comes in white, black or green and represents excellent value at £16 for the set. We have other [table and chairs sets](#) which would also suit a café setting. The [espresso machine](#) – shown here in red, also available in silver – is required by every modern café! Just visible is our [cash register](#) and we also stock a chip and pin machine.

The [counters](#) are made by ELF and can be purchased as a kit or ready-made – this photo shows it used as a shop counter.

For cafes, you can buy a range of commercial kitchen equipment – we have shown a commercial fridge here, stocked with [cold drinks](#) and [cakes](#). The [pictures](#) on the wall and the [figures](#) are also available from ELF.



While a cafe gives you a way of displaying food in an alternative setting to your kitchen, a shop provides a great way of showing off all those miniature vases, clothes, flower arrangements, toiletries etc that you have collected over the years. Set up a clothes shop – use one of our shop counters and hanging rail!



How about a perfumery counter using our fabulous Crabtree & Evelyn range? You could add jewellery or pictures and ornaments – and, of course, shop assistants and shoppers! We also have a number of shelving systems that you could use to display goods.



New items from the ELF Store

Retro - expanded

Responding to demand for 1930's to 1950's items, we have added some new products. You can now find them all in one place on the [website](#) – look on the left hand menu under 1930's to 1950's.



The new [art deco style bathroom](#) is of lovely quality, and we have a great range of [flooring](#) to go with it.

Add a [radiator](#) to keep it warm!



Make yourself a 1950s cupboard or a 1930s kitchen unit (also available ready-built) from ELF's own range. We also have retro appliances for the kitchen – these and more!



Add period feel with a [wooden clothes horse](#) (kit only), and a traditional mixing bowl or chopping board.



Please ask if there is anything you would like that we don't already stock. We can't guarantee to find it for you, but we'll try!

READERS HOUSES

This month we're featuring Kirsty's work. Here's what she says about her miniatures habit: *"I got my first dolls house when I was in my teens and nearly 10 years later I'm still building, redoing and collecting them. My family thought it would be a 6 months long interest for me - they were wrong! I now have 10 dolls houses and numerous small shops/shadow boxes! What I enjoy about them is thinking of an idea and then working out how to actually do it! The research to get the period details correct and the satisfaction you get when you have spent hours working on something and then stand back and see how different it looks. When I think of my next project I like to try to think of something a bit 'out there'. My pub interior is loosely based on a pub in London and the church was an impulse buy one day that I never really liked so I took it apart and rebuilt it and now it looks how it does!"*



Kirsty's church - an imaginative mix of modern and traditional. The close up of the kitchen includes one of ELF's chopping boards, which were featured in the last issue of the Newsletter.



A pet shop with 'injured' greyhound! The greyhound was one of our sale items, having arrived broken in transit! Kirsty wrapped a bandage around the join and placed it here – a good example of how you can make an interesting scene for not too much money!



