

Hi everyone

We hope you have managed to keep safe with our crazy windy weather? What an unbelievable month we have had. So far so good here, but our generator is never far away!

We sent an email mid-August about our carpark. Just a reminder that we'd like you to park against the fence on the grass to maximise the space. If the grass becomes boggy we will bring out temporary cones to restrict parking to the stones until it dries out.

We have received so much fabulous new stock recently & have plenty for you to read about. You may need to zoom in on the images as there are so many & they are quite small.

What's new

- As promised, some lovely new Christmas products have been arriving over the last couple of weeks. 'Christmas blessings' from Mintay is a teal blue/golden beige colour scheme to make a nice change from the traditional Christmas colours. We have 6x6 pads, die cuts and 12x12 fussy cut & label sheets in this collection. Vanessa & Chris have completely different classes using this beautiful range as detailed below



- 'Merry & Bright' is a new collection from Graphic 45 with 12x12 papers, 8x8 & 12x12 paper packs, 2 different ephemera packs & rub-ons pictured above. With traditional red, green & gold Christmas themes this is a typical vibrant Graphic 45 range. Chris will be creating some cards for October classes using the 12x12 papers.
- We're not sure how we missed the promotion of the gorgeous new Echo Park Winnie the pooh Christmas range, but thankfully a couple of customers mentioned it to us. It arrived today & we have 6x6 & 6x6 mega paper pads, ephemera, stamps, washi tape & a couple of 12x12 single sheets. Dies for the stamps are on their way



- 'From the North Pole' is a new Christmas collection from Prima. We liked the traditional reds & greens in more muted tones than the bright Graphic 45. We have 6x6 paper pads & ephemera packs as pictured above.
- Tim Holtz & Sizzix have been releasing some wonderful die sets "from the vault" These are some of Tim's older designs that have been re-worked & re-designed as 'thinlits'. Each set has multiple dies that all work together. As these are not new designs Sizzix are able to produce them much cheaper so all vault die sets are \$35. We have been purchasing these as special orders for customers all year. This release is fabulous for Christmas so we purchased multiples of 'festive wreath' & 'Christmas magic' pictured below. We have plenty of the 'festive wreath', but we've pre-sold the 'Christmas magic' set with more coming next week.



- We are loving the new Woodward 'faded gingham' stamp pictured above. It's a fabulous distressed plaid look stamp that's perfect for Christmas backgrounds amongst other things.
- We had some top-up Lavinia stock arrive last week along with the new sticker stencils 8 & 9 & cork stamp pictured above. We have just ordered their latest new release of Halloween stamps. There are some fabulous new witches, a cauldron, haunted house, bats & cats. It's a shame they weren't released much earlier for Halloween, but if you have your eye on any of these let us know & we will keep you informed about their arrival.
- Many of you have been asking about the 12 new Versafine Claire ink colours released earlier in the year. For reasons unknown to us our Australian distributor doesn't have them, so we have been waiting on the USA. They are expected in the USA this week so hopefully they are not far away.

Classes

Card-making

Vanessa's new cards for September are using Mintay 'Rustic charms'. This range features florals, butterflies & lots of beautiful rustic elements. Vanessa has enhanced these with many shades of green on 3 gorgeous dimensional cards & a shaker card.

Vanessa is creating her first Christmas card set for the year using the lovely Mintay 'Christmas Blessings' fussy cut elements. This paper range is pictured above & features teal blue & gold festive images. Vanessa's cards will be on display mid-September.

Chris continues to teach her Paper Rose 'Christmas Holidays' cards with a bit of an Australian theme during September. In this 5-card set we will be using some of our favourite card designs that are relatively simple to repeat for Christmas including a waterfall, pillar-fold & twist/pop cards. We also create a background using distress oxide inks & stencils.

Chris has created a new set of 10 cards using the Mintay 'Christmas blessings' 6x6 paper pad described above. In this set we use many techniques including texture paste, mica spray, alcohol ink & metallic rub-ons. We create a shaker card, horizontal waterfall & concertina gatefold card incorporating the lovely gold & teal colours in this lovely paper pad. As usual this 10-card class can be done as a single day or in two parts. Some dates are listed below, but if these don't suit there will be more in coming months

If you are not in the mood for Christmas cards Chris has created 5 new cards using the Paper Rose 'Wedding Blooms' 6x6 paper pad. Two of the cards in this set are obvious wedding cards, but this beautiful navy & gold paper range also includes balloons, flowers & cupcakes that are suitable for all occasions.

We are really pleased to say that we managed to obtain a few Alice in wonderland 6x6 paper pads. For those of you that were keen to make Chris's 5 'Alice' cards these are now back on display. We don't have any pads for sale as they were discontinued in July, but we have enough for a few classes. If you missed this class & would like to create these cards let us know & we will organise a date

Tamara is enjoying a lovely holiday, but she will be here to teach her 4 fabulous collage paper technique cards in late September. One of the cards features collage paper with a coloured bird print. The remaining 3 cards are using 'botanical' collage paper with black printed images & Tamara will teach you to add colour using watercolour paint & the new Tim Holtz spritzes. This wonderful card set includes a 2025 calendar easel & all are on display.

These are card-making dates with availability in September/October: -

- Saturday 7th September - 11am - 2pm- 4 Mintay 'Rustic charms' cards with Vanessa \$28
- Tuesday 10th September - 9-30 - 12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Christmas holidays' cards with Chris \$32
- Thursday 12th September - 9-30-12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Christmas holidays' cards with Chris \$32
- Saturday 14th September - 11am - 2pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Christmas holidays' cards with Chris \$32
- Monday 16th September - 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Wedding blooms' cards with Chris \$32
- Saturday 21st September - 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Wedding blooms' cards with Chris \$32
- Tuesday 24th September - 9-30 - 12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Wedding blooms' cards with Chris \$32
- Thursday 26th September - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Christmas blessings' cards with Vanessa \$28
- Friday 27th September 10am - 4pm - 10 Mintay 'Christmas blessings' cards with Chris \$60
- Monday 30th September 10am - 1pm - 4 Collage paper technique cards with Tamara \$28
- Tuesday 1st October - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Christmas blessings' cards with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 5th October - 11am - 2pm - 4 Mintay 'Christmas blessings' cards with Vanessa \$28

Scrapbooking

Vanessa is in the process of designing a couple of pages using the Mintay 'Autumn Splendor' collection for her September project. This gorgeous paper features the usual Autumnal designs as well as some cute little creatures. The colours are predominantly burnt orange, kraft & teal Vanessa's layouts will be based around these fabulous Autumn tones.

- Wednesday 25th September - 10am - 1pm 'Autumn Splendor' scrapbooking pages with Vanessa \$28

Art Journalling

Meagan has a couple of places in her beautiful Lavinia 'Twilight bloom' art journal class. In this class you learn to create a blended ink background using Lavinia elements inks. You then build up a garden scene with the 'Sunbloom collection' fairies, bees & flower stamps using masking & collage techniques. Finally you add some gorgeous glittery touches.

- Friday 20th September 1-30pm - 4-30pm - 'twilight bloom' art journaling page \$30

As our team is not going to be featuring in the Grand Final parade this year we have decided to open the shop for the afternoon. We will be open for our usual hours between 1pm & 5pm on the Grand Final public holiday on Friday 27th September. We will also be open on Grand final day from 1pm - 4pm as usual.

Keep smiling



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