

Hi everyone

What a delight it has been teaching classes to our wonderfully patient students again. Thank you all for working with us to organise dates to re-commence our postponed projects. Despite the challenge of wearing masks, isopropyl alcohol fumes & desks in every corner, we have done exceptionally well. Some of us are rustier than others, but we have all had fun!!! Thanks also to those of you that chose to restart classes next year. It's been great to ease into things gently & would have been overwhelming to have everyone back this side of Christmas. We will be in touch with you in the new year to set some class dates for January

We have decided to keep the shop hours as they are for the remainder of the year as we still have many morning classes where shopping is not possible. Just a reminder that the current shop hours are **Monday to Saturday 1-30pm - 4pm** & there is no need to make an appointment. You can call Chris if these hours don't suit you. If we're not teaching, we may be able to arrange an earlier time particularly after mid-December.

What's new:-

- We've had another couple of Lavinia orders arrive last week including some of their latest release stamps. All are pictured below. The stamps are amazing, but the 8x8 paper pads are really special. They have 30 double-sided sheets with fabulous inky-looking backgrounds that you don't need to get your hands dirty for. The 2021 calendar is also a wonderful addition & would make a great gift. Each month has a gorgeous Lavinia design & provides some fabulous inspiration. They have released 6 new stencils this week & we'll be sure to order them as soon as they become available to us. They should be delivered prior to Christmas.



- Rustic Wilderness is the third of the new release distress colours from Tim Holtz & Ranger. We have good stocks of Distress ink & re-inker, Distress oxide ink & re-inker, Embossing glaze & Distress Oxide spray. This is a fabulous dark green colour & is a great addition to the range. We also have some of each of the new heavy stock from Ranger in kraft, mixed media & white as pictured below



- We received another newish paper range from Mintay this week called "Better times". It is a gorgeous, brightly coloured collection of rainbows, butterflies & garden scenes in pink, yellow, lime green & aqua. We have the usual 12x12 paper packs, 6x6 paper pads & some single 12x12 papers as pictured above
- Over the past few weeks we have expanded our scrapbooking paper ranges from different suppliers in topics that have been requested a lot. Of course, these are also gorgeous to make cards with. Pictured below are some new ranges. You can zoom in on the photos to see the detail much clearer. New from Echo Park "Our weddings" & "Coffee & Friends", Mintay papers "Tiny Miracle" & Simple stories "Simple Vintage Ancestry".



Classes

We have managed to get through some of our postponed classes in the last couple of weeks. Sorry that we haven't had many vacancies for those of you that would just like to get a craft fix. Of course, there will be more classes in January when we return after our Christmas break. If there is a technique class, a set of cards or a scrapbook project that you would like to do, please let us know & we will be sure to include you when we are organising our January classes after Christmas.

The shop will be open for last minute Christmas shopping until 4pm on the 24th December -Christmas eve. We have some fabulous gift ideas as well as gift vouchers (that can be emailed if necessary) for any amount. We will be taking a short break & the shop will re-open on **Monday the 11th January**

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you for sticking with us during such a trying year. We could not have survived the Covid19 lockdown without your support & we are so very grateful. We sold a couple of hundred card-making kits, delivered 230 parcels to your homes & posted over 100 to anywhere we couldn't drive to. Thank you all!!

Wishing you & your families all the best for a fabulous festive season together. May 2021 bring lots of love, laughter, plenty of amazing craft projects & no pandemics!!

Keep smiling, have a Merry Christmas & a safe a prosperous New Year 😊



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