

Hi everyone

We hope you have managed to keep yourselves busy during lockdown 5. It has been difficult to get motivated for many of us. Here's hoping we can get back on track soon. For us it's been another chance to have an enforced rest & organise busy months ahead. Our biggest daily decisions were what colour tracksuit pants to wear & if we were going anywhere to warrant a matching windcheater!

We have missed you all but have had lots of fun unpacking numerous new goodies & less fun trying to find space for them all to fit!!!

**We will be re-opening for our regular shop & class hours on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Of course, mask wearing is mandatory for both shopping & classes until further notice.**

We have many classes to re-schedule & will be in touch with those of you that have missed out. Regular classes will generally be postponed to your next scheduled day. As there are only 7 days a week & July was already packed, it's going to be tricky to re-book all classes.

### Product of the month:-

Due to the fact we have spent lots of July in lockdown, we have extended product of the month. All full-priced stamps will continue to be 20% off during August too.

### What's new:-

- Our new Ranger distress colour has arrived & is pictured below. We have "Prize Ribbon" in Distress ink & refills, oxide ink & refills, oxide sprays, spray stain & glaze
- New from Couture Creations is the fun new range "You go girl" pictured below. We have several small stamp & die sets including flowers, leaves, butterfly & dragonfly. We also have a "princess" die, feathers stamp set & 3 portrait stamps to colour.



- In Jenn's latest class she uses Ranger "fire" textured embossing powder. It looked so good we decided to get them all. Samples of the 8 colours are pictured above.
- New 2022 mini calendar sets from Couture Creations are here.
- Our Versafine Clair ink pads are also here & we added a couple of colours to those mentioned in our July news. We have Chianti, Monarch, Nocturne, Rain Forest, Shady Lane, Medieval blue, Twilight, Pinecone, Morning mist, Glamorous, Acorn, Golden Meadow & Cheerful. These are a beautiful oil-based pigment ink that stamp a very crisp image. Warm Breeze, Summertime & Charming pink will be here next week.



- Ranger have released large pads in some distress archival ink pads. Colours are Black soot, Hickory smoke, Ground espresso & Vintage photo in a 4 pack. They are not sold separately. We still have these colours of archival ink in a 4 pack of smaller pads too
- Many of you are waiting on "sticky grid" to use with stamp positioners (instead of magnets) or die-cutting plates. Ours have finally arrived & we have plenty in stock.
- We have ordered the new release oval, square & slimline gel press shapes, sentiment stamps & stencils from Lavinia. They are finally on their way & we should have them next week. If you have ordered any of these, we will contact you when they arrive.
- Quality stainless steel pins have arrived for those of us sick of rusty pva glue in our fine tip bottles. We have them in 10 packs or 50 packs

## Card making Classes

**Jenn** is teaching some great Background techniques full of **Rusty Patina** goodness in her new class. You will use sprays, Panpastels, embossing folders, plus some awesome new-to-the-shop textured embossing powders. Although this class is geared towards 3 "masculine" style cards, these techniques can easily be adapted at home to suit your favourite themes. Jenn also has other classes on the go including **Distress Glaze & Gel press** techniques.

**Tamara** has created 3 fabulous cards using **gilding flakes** in lots of ways. These gorgeous multi-coloured flakes add a beautiful shimmer to your projects & look great on her cards. Tamara has several other classes on the go including **Alcohol ink/Mica flakes** techniques.

## Card making classes with availability for July/August include: -

- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July - 10am - 1pm - 3 Distress glaze cards with Jenn \$25
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July - 10am - 1pm - 3 Gilding flakes technique cards with Tamara \$25
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 10am - 1pm - 3 Gilding flakes technique cards with Tamara \$25
- (Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 9-30am - 1-30pm part 1 - 5 glam rock cards \$30 **AND** (Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 9-30am - 1-30pm part 2 - 5 glam rock cards \$30
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August - 10am - 1pm - 3 NEW Rusty Patina cards with Jenn \$25
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - 10am - 1pm - 3 bright kids cards with Chris \$25
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August - 10am - 1pm - 3 NEW Rusty Patina cards with Jenn \$25
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 9-30am-12-30pm - 3 Alcohol ink technique cards - Chris \$25

**Chris** has a new 10 card class using the Mintay "Merry & Bright" 6x6 paper pad pictured below. This is a relatively simple set with a couple of fancy fold cards, alcohol ink & stencilling techniques & some bright festive cards. Cost for 10 cards in one day is \$55 or two 5 card classes are \$30 each. Some dates are listed below or you can speak to Chris about dates to suit you.

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 10am - 4pm 10 cards \$55
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 10am - 4pm 10 cards \$55
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 10am - 4pm 10 cards \$55
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 9-30am - 3-30pm \$55



## Scrapbooking classes

**Vanessa** has been working on some fabulous new scrapbooking layouts. Her current class is 2 pages using the gorgeous new Mintay Nightfall range in purple, teal & gold. For this class you have the option to use the standard class kit for \$25 that needs you to fussy cut some embellishments or you can have pre-cut ephemera for \$30 & have plenty more to use on future pages. Layouts are on display at the shop. Classes with availability include:-

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August - 11am -2pm
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 9-30am - 12-30
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 9-30am - 12-30pm
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 9-30am- 12-30pm

Over the years we have had many customers ask about charities to donate handmade cards to. Recently we delivered a big box of Christmas cards to Victorian farming families, but their charity is no longer running. During lockdown we shared information about a fabulous Australia-wide charity called "Heart Letter Pen" on our Facebook page. They provide handwritten cards to people all over Australia - particularly nursing homes & disaster zones. Their team write messages of support in our cards & send them to hubs to be distributed to people experiencing hard times. Last year they sent out over 12000 cards!! They generally need cards with no greeting or thinking of you. Cards need to be blank inside & have a matching envelope, but no stamp. You can include some loose stamps, but they prefer prepaid satchels as they tend to send their cards in bulk bundles. You can follow them on Facebook to find out what they require at any given time. In their latest post they need Father's Day or masculine "thinking of you" cards.

It would be great to get behind such a wonderful charity & I am sure we can use our spare time to create some cards to send. You can post cards direct, or we will have a box at the shop to send periodically. We will send a batch of Father's Day cards at the end of next week (6<sup>th</sup> August) but general men's cards can left here at any time. They only have one collection point in NSW, so cards need to be posted to this address.

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Keep smiling. We hope to see you soon 😊



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