

Hi everyone

It's been a drama filled month here & the white-out has been getting a serious workout on our class timetable. We have had Chris back in hospital for more surgery, staff with covid, staff families with covid & many customers with covid too!!! We are so blessed to have a wonderfully, flexible team that have plugged all of the holes as they appeared. A huge thanks again to Jenn, Tamara & Vanessa for rearranging their busy lives to hold the fort again. We are sorry that there have needed to be a few postponed classes, but we are ready to reschedule them. August is going to be absolutely amazing!!

What's new:-

- It's great to have 12 new colours in the Couture Creations Alcohol ink marker range. Most of them are soft pastels & are perfect to use with the brighter colours in the collection. We have good stock of all colours & they can be purchased individually, or you can choose 24/48/72 colours from the range of 120 & get a free case to hold each 24 colours.
- The July release Lavinia stamps are finally here & pictured above. They feature some new fairies, various different dandelions, new sentiments including "keep smiling", leaf sprays, leaf creepers & a cute gate/fence set. You may need to zoom in to see their fine detail.



- Paper rose have started releasing some Christmas paper ranges & we really like this one called "Home for Christmas" that features "scandi style" elements. We have the 6x6 pads & the 12x12 label sheet as pictured above.
- Darkroom door have some fabulous new masking stencils & some great ideas for their use on their blog. We hope to have a play with the ones we have chosen (pictured below) & will have some samples on display soon



- We're loving the new Creative expressions "in & out" collection dies that feature a nesting set of shapes & $\frac{1}{2}$ shapes to enable you to make feature frames, apertures & cut/fold elements. We have stock of circles, squares & stars sets so far.
We also have their gorgeous new poinsettia panel die set & the very versatile 14 festive foliage pieces to add texture & dimension to all of your Christmas projects. All are pictured above
- We are pleased to have some stock of some new floral embellishments from Green Tara. Unfortunately, they are out of stock of many of their popular colours, but they are expecting to be topping up soon. We should have more colours & sizes in stock by mid-August. For now, we have some gorgeous mini roses, mini rosebuds, poinsettia flowers, holly leaves & small petals. These are all made up into small packs & are very well priced. We also have some leaf ribbon & self-adhesive leaf ribbon to enhance your projects.
- For those of you that enjoyed Tamara's stamping foam class we now have stock of Simon Hurley's new foam circle set. We also have a heart set to expand your stamped images into more interesting shapes.

Classes

Card making

We've had lots of requests for Christmas card classes. More new paper ranges are arriving in the next month or so, but we have some great card sets on display using lovely current papers. Chris has designed a new set of 5 Christmas cards using Mintay "Time of Wonders" papers & also has a great 10 card set from last year using Mintay Merry & bright. Tamara gets creative with her Christmas cards making some fabulous festive backgrounds. All class details are listed below & there will be many more throughout the year.

Tamara has combined some of her favourite techniques to create these fabulous new Christmas cards. You will combine festive dies with stamping, pixie powders, stencilling & a great new style called black ice. These are quick & easy cards that still have "wow factor" & can easily be produced in multiples. Cards will be on display soon.

Vanessa continues creating lovely new card making projects with patterned paper & her latest 2 sets feature "Alice's Tea Party" papers from Graphic 45. She has created 2 different sets of 4 cards with a whimsical Alice in wonderland theme including tea-cups, florals & playing cards. There is one class on 25th August that you can do both sets in one day!!

Jenn is still teaching her wonderful new class "Mastering the Medium". In this class you will get plenty of practice creating texture using gel plates, acrylic paints & stencils with some fabulous new design, brightly coloured cards.

Most of our card-making classes for August are fully booked, but dates with availability are listed below:-

- Saturday 13th August - 11am - 2pm - 3 Christmas cards with Tamara \$28
- Thursday 18th August - 10am - 1pm - 3 Christmas cards with Tamara \$28
- Saturday 20th August - 10am - 1pm - 3 Mastering the medium tech. cards with Jenn \$28
- Thursday 25th August - 10am - 2pm - 8 Alice in wonderland cards with Vanessa \$50
- Friday 26th August - 10am - 2pm - 5 "Time of wonders" Christmas cards with Chris \$32
- Sunday 28th August - 11am - 2pm - 3 "Foundry Wax" technique cards with Chris \$28
- Tuesday 30th August- 9-30am - 3-30pm - 10 men's industrial cards with Chris \$60
- Wednesday 31st August - 10am - 4pm - 10 Merry & Bright Christmas cards with Chris \$60

Scrap booking

Vanessa's latest scrapbooking classes are using the Mintay Mamarazzi range. These lovely pastel layouts feature cameras, flowers & filmstrips & are perfect for any kind of photos. She is currently working on some delightful layouts using Mintay Lavender farm that will be on display soon & ready for class in early August as listed below

- Tuesday 2nd August - 10am - 1pm - Lavender farm scrapbook layouts with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 6th August - 11am - 2pm - Mamarazzi scrapbook layouts with Vanessa \$28
- Monday 29th August - 10am - 1pm - Lavender farm scrapbook layouts with Vanessa \$28

Art Journaling with Meagan

Meagan's newest art journaling page "open your mind" features a Julie Nutting paper doll stamp on a gorgeous sparkly textured background. You will be using some fabulous Darkroom door background stamps & stencils, texture paste, paints & Lavinia mica spray amongst other things!

In the "Be bold" class you will be using paints, stencils, stamps, collage paper & alcohol markers to create a beautiful, layered background with the gorgeous Pink Ink Designs giraffe as a feature. The cost is \$28 if you bring your own journal or \$30 for journaling card to be supplied.

Dates with availability are : -

- Sunday 7th August 1pm - 4pm - "Open your mind"
- Sunday 21st August 1pm - 4pm - "Be bold" giraffe

If there are any classes you'd like the sound of & the dates don't suit, contact us & we'll arrange alternatives for you. All our wonderful teachers have many class projects on display at the shop that are not listed this month. If there is a class you have missed, let us know & we will put your name on a list & organise a date for you with other students.

We sent a big box of cards to "Heart Letter Pen" this week along with some prepaid satchels for them to be forwarded to those in need. Thanks to all of you that have donated cards to this wonderful charity. Many people will be touched by your lovely handmade cards.

We hope to see you soon.

Keep smiling ❤️



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