

Hi everyone

Just so you know there are only 85 days until Christmas!!!! Hopefully we will be motivated to get our cards made, presents bought & festive celebrations sorted early. I always make plans to be better organised, but it hasn't worked so far. Let's just enjoy the warmer weather, longer daylight hours & being able to hang our washing outside.

What's new:-

- In September we received our order of Couture Creations calendar tabs. These packs contain 10 mini 2023 calendar sets. You can create a design incorporating the calendar & either place a magnet on the back for the fridge or make an easel-style card for a desk. They are perfect to make into creative, inexpensive Christmas gifts.
- As promised, we have received the fabulous new collection from Echo Park "Gnome for Christmas". It features a sprinkling of gnomes, fine holly & poinsettia prints along with other lovely festive pages. All are in traditional colours of red, dark green & white. We have individual 12x12 sheets, 12x12 packs, 6x6 standard 24 sheet pads, as well as 6x6 mega 48 sheet pads. Our ephemera packs have sold out, but we have more coming soon.



- We have chosen a few new dies from the latest Paper Rose Christmas collection. The Australian-themed dies fill a big gap in the Christmas die market & combine beautifully with their "Nature Stroll - festive" paper range. We also have their lovely new doves die set. Our non-Christmas selections include the fabulous, abstract stencil & some cute animal stamps including the zebra/giraffe set & the cockatoos. All are pictured below



- After a special customer request, we have decided to stock some of the Mintay chalk paints. These are lovely matt paints that dry quickly & colours can be varied by adding layers. We have chosen 11 colours to begin with & they are pictured below. Goodness knows where we are going to put them all! We hope to do some projects with these in the future.



- We did have a delivery of the fabulous new Tim Holtz Watercolour pencils this week, but they have all been sold to those who made pre-orders. They are in demand all over the world & we hope to have another shipment in November.

Classes

Card making

Our card-making classes continue to have a Christmas flavour this month. They include a selection of classes using techniques, patterned papers with matching embellishments & some classes with a combination of both. Cards are on display at the shop & availability is listed below.

Tamara has combined some of her favourite techniques to create two sets of fabulous Christmas cards. In set #1 she uses festive dies, stamps, pixie powders, stencils & foil, She also demonstrates a great new style called black ice.

For set #2 she has used some 3D embossing folders with foundry wax & pixie powders along with stamping & embossing techniques on a wonderful new fancy folded card. These are quick & easy cards that still have "wow factor" & can easily be produced in multiples.

Vanessa has created some wonderful Christmas cards using the new Mintay "Merry little Christmas" range. These 4 cards combine poinsettias, reindeer & gingerbread men in a fun, festive way. You may have also spotted Vanessa's gorgeous "Snuggly Christmas cards" featuring the very cute Paper Rose Westie dog. These 4 cards incorporate the Westies with a range of matching blue baubles with silver trim.

Chris has 3 different Christmas card classes for October including the last couple of 5 card classes using Mintay "Time of Wonders". She has also made a new set of 5 cards using the new "Gnome for Christmas" range pictured above, as well as a set of 5 cards using Paper Rose Nature Stroll Christmas which have an Australian flavour.

Chris is also teaching a new class creating a rolled box card with a lid. The box includes 18 (4x4 inch) panels that can be used for multiple messages, photos, decorative papers or a combination of all. In this class you get to choose your theme whether it be wedding, birthday, masculine or feminine or even Christmas. We will have a few on display for you to get the idea. These make a lovely gift for special occasions & you can include a small present inside.

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

- Thursday 6th October - 10am - 1pm - 4 Snuggly Christmas dogs cards with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 8th October - 11am - 2pm - 3 Christmas cards #1 with Tamara \$28
- Friday 14th October - 10am-2pm - 5 Nature stroll Christmas cards with Chris \$32
- Saturday 15th October - 10am - 1pm - rolled box card with lid with Chris \$32
- Tuesday 18th October - 9-30am - 12noon - rolled box card with lid with Chris \$32
- Wednesday 26th October - 9-30am-1-30pm 5 "Gnome for Christmas" cards with Chris \$32
- Saturday 29th October - 10am - 1pm - 5 "Gnome for Christmas" cards with Chris \$32
- Sunday 30th October - 10am - 2pm - 5 "Time of Wonders" Christmas cards with Chris \$32
- Thursday 3rd November - 10am- 1pm - 3 Christmas cards #2 with Tamara \$28
- Wednesday 2nd November - 10am - 1pm - 5 "Gnome for Christmas" cards with Chris \$32
- Saturday 12th November - 11am - 2pm - 3 Christmas cards #2 with Tamara \$28

Scrap booking

Vanessa has two scrapbooking classes on the go in October. "Grandma's attic" layouts feature ribbon, lace & beautiful vintage embellishments on a teal & kraft background. These layouts are perfect for sepia or older photos, but equally lovely with newer photos on contrasting photo mats.

"Merry Little Christmas" is a typically gorgeous Mintay collection featuring traditional Christmas elements with a splash of pink & pale blue. Vanessa has created a lovely double layout to suit any of your favourite Christmas snaps.

Vanessa is also working on some layouts using the beautiful new Mintay "Blissful times" range for later in the month & we will have some dates for this class in November.

Scrapbooking Classes have availability in October are:-

- Thursday 27th October - 10am - 1pm Grandma's attic scrapbook layouts with Vanessa \$28
- Monday 31st October - 10am - 1pm - Blissful times scrapbook layouts with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 5th November - 11am - 2pm - Merry Little Christmas layouts with Vanessa \$28

Art Journaling with Meagan

Meagan has 2 different Art Journaling classes running in October. Her newest is "You go girl" & it features a vibrant gelli printed background, stamping on gelli plate technique, collage paper stamping & a gorgeous, stamped paper doll.

We still have two places in Meagan's "Open your mind" page. This 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! Dates with availability are :-

- Sunday 16th October - 10-30 - 1-30- "You go girl" art journal with Meagan \$30
- Thursday 20th October - 10am - 1pm "Open your mind" art journal with Meagan \$30

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 will be closed on Tuesday 1st November for Melbourne Cup Day

Keep smiling ❤️



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