

Hi everyone

Hopefully our long bout of wet weather has merely been an annoyance to everyone. As we check in with customers, we are finding that most of you have no damage, just very soggy properties. We've certainly had that & thankfully no other issues for now. Here's hoping this La Nina event will be over soon - as predicted.

Apologies to those of you that missed classes in October due to Chris testing positive to Covid19. Thankfully she was not terribly ill, but she had to spend 8 days at home. Thanks to the wonderful Vanessa, Tamara, Meagan & Jenn for stepping in to keep some classes going & the shop open.

What's new:-

- We have some fabulous new releases from Darkroom door & we will have more next month when we make some room!! Those of you that know Chris well will understand that the "sweary affirmations" are her highlight sentiment strip, but they aren't for everyone. We also have a sentiment strip for book lovers & a great clipboard stamp for your journalling.



- We already have the new Ranger ink colour Lumberjack plaid in all forms as pictured above. This is a lovely deep crimson red & fills a gap in the distress red colours.
- We have some great new stamps from Paper Rose including some new dinosaurs & ballet shoes pictured below. We are very excited to read this week about their newest release "Blissful Afternoon Sounds". This is a music-themed collection with some wonderful dies & fabulous papers. We hope to have ours in the next week or two.



- We have sourced some Ranger heat tools as they are beautifully quiet & designed for lengthy heating. These are not available with an Australian 240 watt plug, but we have included an adaptor in the box & they work beautifully,
- Many of you have asked us to order Lavinia 2023 calendars. The bad news is that they are not making calendars this year. The great news is that we have ordered their 5 new Element ink pad colours & 19 new stamps. We hope these will arrive in a week or so. We do have their new sticker stencil sets as pictured above. Each pack features 4 adhesive stencils 2 birds, 1 heart & a leaf. They can be used many ways on numerous projects.
- For those of you waiting on the Tim Holtz media grip mat - so are we!!!! The ETA continues to be changed and we are none the wiser. Your names are on our list & you will be notified once we hear they are available. So many products have been on back-order for over 6 months. Patience is a virtue we are trying hard to possess!!

Classes

As we approach the end of the year we are winding down our classes & starting to plan for 2023!! November is very busy & generally only the die-hard students attend classes in December. It's always a busy month for everything but craft classes. There will still be something happening for the diehard students so don't despair!!

Chris will be taking a much-needed break throughout January so our other magnificent teachers will be running the shop & classes. Prior to us locking in January dates we'd love to hear from you about what classes you'd like to do. Many of you have missed classes throughout the year & now is your opportunity to reschedule. Simply phone or send a message letting us know the classes you'd like to do, your preferred days & we will make it happen.

Card making

Our card-making classes continue to have a Christmas flavour this month, but there are a couple of non-Christmas cards too. As usual we've included a selection of classes using techniques, patterned papers with matching embellishments & some classes with a combination of both. All cards are on display at the shop & we are all in the process of creating some new cards for December & beyond. Availability is listed below.

Tamara

During November Tamara will be teaching her second set of technique-based Christmas cards #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. She is still teaching her first set of 3 technique Christmas cards (set #1), but not in November so you can book for January & get a head start on next year's cards. In set #1 she uses festive dies, stamps, pixie powders, stencils & foil. In this set you also learn a great new style - black ice. Tamara is designing some fabulous new cards using Perfect Pearl techniques. These will be on display in a few weeks in time for her first class on 1st December.

Vanessa has 3 Christmas card classes on the go. Her newest set of 4 are using the Paper Rose "Home for Christmas" papers. This is a lovely, rustic set of cards featuring Vanessa's home-made dried orange slices for texture & dimension, along with some other fabulous, festive cards. She has also created some wonderful cards using the new Mintay "Merry little Christmas" range combining poinsettias, reindeer & gingerbread men in a fun, festive way. Her "Snuggly Christmas cards" feature the very cute Paper Rose white Westie dog. These 4 cards incorporate the Westies with a range of matching blue baubles with silver trim. Vanessa is also designing some non-Christmas cards for December using the gorgeous Mintay "Blissful time" range. These papers feature vintage florals & shabby chic images with shades of dusty pink & pale blue. These beautiful cards will be on display soon.

Chris is teaching a couple of Christmas card classes in November including a set of 5 cards using the Echo Park "Gnome for Christmas" range as well as a set of 5 cards using Paper Rose "Nature Stroll Christmas" with an Australian flavour.

Chris continues to teach her rolled box card with a lid in November. 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.

Chris has also designed a set of 5 cards using the beautiful Mintay "Grandma's attic" 6x6 paper pad. We use distress glaze & crayon techniques to match the teal & sepia florals, birdcages & butterflies on kraft coloured card.

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

- Friday 4th November - 9-30am - 1-30pm - 5 "Gnome for Christmas" cards with Chris \$32
- Tuesday 8th November - 9-30 - 12-30 - Choose your theme rolling box card with Chris \$32
- Friday 11th November - 10am - 2pm - 5 "Gnome for Christmas" cards with Chris \$32
- Saturday 12th November - 11am - 2pm - 3 technique Christmas cards #2 with Tamara \$28
- Thursday 17th November - 10am - 1pm - 3 technique Christmas cards #2 with Tamara \$28
- Sunday 20th November - 10am - 2pm - 5 Nature stroll Christmas cards with Chris \$32
- Wednesday 23rd November - 9-30am - 1-30pm - 5 "Grandma's attic" cards with Chris \$32
- Thursday 24th November - 10am - 1pm - 4 "Home for Christmas" cards with Vanessa \$28
- Thursday 1st Dec - 10am-1pm - 3 NEW perfect pearls technique cards with Tamara \$28
- Saturday 3rd December - 11am - 2pm - 4 NEW "Blissful time" cards with Vanessa \$28
- Tuesday 6th December - 10am - 1pm - 4 NEW "Blissful time" cards with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 10th Dec - 11am-2pm - 3 NEW perfect pearls technique cards with Tamara \$28

Scrap booking

Vanessa has two scrapbooking classes on the go in November.

"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.

Her newest layouts are using the beautiful Mintay "Blissful time" range & feature lovely florals on a shabby chic style, pink background. They are on display at the shop.

Scrapbooking Classes with availability in November are:-

- Tuesday 22nd November - 10am - 1pm - Merry Little Christmas layouts with Vanessa \$28
- Tuesday 29th November - 10am - 1pm - Blissful time layouts with Vanessa \$28

Art Journaling with Meagan

Meagan's newest art journal page is "You go girl!" & it features a vibrant gelli printed background, stamping on gelli plate technique, collage paper stamping & a gorgeous, stamped paper doll. These classes are fully booked for November, but we can book other dates to suit

Meagan is repeating her "All things are possible" class this month where she demonstrates how to integrate printed paper napkins into your art journal pages with gesso, paint, stamps, texture paste & distress crayons. The napkins used in this class feature a floral design with birds. This class is scheduled for

Saturday 19th Nov - 10am - 1pm "All things are possible" art journal page 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. We have plenty of free dates in January. 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.

Keep smiling ❤️



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