Hi everyone

We've had so many parcels arriving in the last couple of weeks so there's plenty to tell you about!! Many of these products have been on back-order for months & it's great to finally have them here. Unfortunately, there have been numerous price increases worldwide due to higher costs of manufacturing & transport. We are doing our best to keep our prices as low as possible.

What's new:-

"Blissful Afternoon Sounds" has arrived from Paper Rose. This is a wonderful musicthemed collection. We have some 12x12 papers, 6x6 paper pads & dies as pictured below



- Prima have just released this gorgeous range called "Aquarelle" featuring mauve & aqua florals, dragonflies, dream catchers & feathers on watercolour-style backgrounds. We have 12x12 & 6x6 paper pads along with two lovely ephemera packs. One of these includes 48 coloured acetate dragonflies & the other has 68 standard cardstock die cut pieces. Individual 12x12 papers have been ordered but are yet to arrive.
- We received a parcel from Lavinia mid-November including 5 new Element ink pad colours & 19 new stamps. We have had a subsequent top-up order & have plenty of these great new products as pictured below



- After a seven month wait for back-orders our Tim Holtz paper trimmers are finally here in all three sizes as pictured above. The Tim Holtz media grip mat have been shipped. We are expecting these in a few days & will message each of you on our pre-order list. Thanks for your patience.
- Also pictured above are new larger size 3D embossing folders from Spellbinders. These are 8¹/₂ x 5¹/₂ inches so they are perfect for most sized card fronts including slimline, 5x7 & square. They will also fit on standard big shot or cuttlebug plates. We have 2 designs flower frenzy has an all-over floral pattern & holiday floral swag
- We have some gorgeous new handmade, fabric "thread catchers" that are perfect gift for the crafter who has everything. We have a small, weighted version that can hang from your desk or the arm of your chair to put small paper scraps or threads directly into rather than on the floor. We also have a larger version for your table or desk. Both are available in a selection of great colours.
- For those of you that have been asking, we have received our order of fine font white & copper Merry Christmas stickers

• We have created some cards using the new Tim Holtz water colour pencils, but sold out of them very quickly as many places did. We have a new shipment arriving before Christmas so if you would like a set to be put aside, please let us know.

If you are unable to decide which of these new products you need in your craft room or what you can buy for a friend, a gift voucher is always a great idea. The recipient may like to come to a class or buy something special. You can purchase vouchers for any amount & there is no expiry on them. If you or your family/friends are unable to get to the shop, we can email a voucher to be printed at home.

Classes

December is here let the chaos begin!! If you happen to call into the shop this month there is likely to be a Christmas break-up party happening. It's definitely a time for our staff to be wearing their elastic waisted pants as we enjoy festive food & wine to celebrate the end of another fabulous year of craft.

For those of you that have time on your hands & need a craft fix we have a handful of dates for classes. We are all done with unscheduled Christmas card classes, but if there is a Christmas set that you missed you can catch up with it in January & make a start on 2023 cards.

Card making

Tamara

In December/January Tamara is teaching 4 fabulous new cards using Perfect Pearl techniques & some lovely Woodware & Lavinia stamps. Many of us have some perfect pearls in our craft stash & in this class Tamara will demonstrate some great ways to make full use of them. From simple applications to multi coloured results, using powders to paint & a resist technique to create a marvellous galaxy effect.

Vanessa

In December/January Vanessa is teaching her lovely new Mintay "Blissful time" cards. This paper range features vintage florals & shabby chic images with shades of dusty pink & pale blue. Vanessa has combined these papers with rose gold embellishments in her set of 4 beautiful cards

Chris

Chris is not teaching any extra classes in December other than those that are already booked. She will also be taking a break in January so keep your eyes peeled for new classes in subsequent newsletters.

Card-making dates with availability for December are few & far between, but are listed below:-

- Tuesday 6th December 10am 1pm 4 NEW "Blissful time" cards with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 10th Dec 11am-2pm 4 NEW perfect pearls technique cards with Tamara \$28
- Wednesday 14th December 4 NEW "Blissful time" cards with Vanessa \$28

Scrap booking

Vanessa has no scrapbooking classes with availability in December, but her latest pages are all on display at the shop & there will be dates available in January.

Art Journaling with Meagan

Meagan has one class with availability in December doing her amazing new Christmas layout. You will create a layered mixed media background starting with a gelli print then embossing glaze, stencilling & collage. You also create a gorgeous paper pierced Christmas doll.

• Saturday 17th December - 10am - 1pm Christmas art journal page with Meagan \$30

If you have not had the pleasure of attending one of Vanessa, Tamara or Meagan's fabulous classes we recommend you come & see their projects on display at the shop. There are too many wonderful classes to list so you need to come & see for yourself. Choose a new technique to learn or simply join a class for some inspiration to start your crafting year. Our January newsletter will have lots of new dates

Our last day of trading for 2022 will be on Saturday 24th December from 1pm - 4pm. We will be taking our usual new year break & will be re-opening for classes & shop on Monday 9th January from 11am - 3pm. Those with regular classes will be advised of their 2023 starting dates this month.

Finally, we would like to say a big thanks to our wonderful customers & staff. It's been an ordinary year for us & we appreciate your support, well-wishes & understanding during trying times. My sincere thanks to Jenn, Tamara & Vanessa for taking the reins numerous times at short notice this year. Thanks to Meagan for bringing a new style of teaching & supporting our great team. We are blessed to have such incredible people working here & their help has been invaluable!

Wishing you & your families all the best for a fabulous festive season & an awesome year ahead

Keep smiling 🧡



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