

Happy New year everyone!

We hope that 2023 has started off well for you!! All of us have had a lovely break & look forward to spending lots of time with you this year. Chris has had a wonderfully, restful month & is struggling to get out of holiday mode!! Back to work tomorrow.

A huge thanks to Vanessa, Tamara, Meagan & Jenn for doing a fabulous job teaching & looking after customers at the shop during January. Chris's break was a lot more restful knowing that things would run smoothly in her absence. These talented ladies are an asset to our business & we are very grateful to them. Despite doing lots of relaxing we are all in the process of creating more new designs for the year & look forward to having some great new projects on display soon.

### What's new

- We love the new Ranger distress colour "lost shadow" & ours will be here this week. Tim Holtz describes it as a cool, silver-grey & we have attached a photo below to show where it fits with other colours in the range. If you would like us to put some aside for you, please send us a message & we will do so. We have all new distress products coming including ink/refills, oxide ink/ refills, distress spray, spray stain, paint & embossing glaze. We hope they will be here by Wednesday.
- We were excited to receive the wonderful "celebrate" range from Paper Rose to recognise many great events in our lives. The black & gold designs incorporate, balloons, fireworks, confetti, streamers & stars & they look stunning. We have 12x12 paper packs, 6x6 paper pads & some 12x12 sheets of paper. Tamara is designing a special set of cards using this range that will be on display later this month for March classes



- Couture Creations have released these fabulous new border dies. They are designed for slimline cards, but of course they can be used for all card sizes. The back of the packages shows the cut shape as pictured above
- Echo Park have released a new graduation paper to commemorate the high achievers in our lives. We have some great 12x12 papers, stickers & a graduation cap die as pictured below.



- We also have some Echo Park first responder dies - an ambulance & fire truck. If you would rather stamps, we also have this fabulous set from Uniquely Creative. Both are pictured above.
- Also pictured above are the new washi tape, ephemera packs & stencils from the Simple Stories "Pet Shoppe" range. We have double-sided 12x12 papers from this collection too & they are all themed for both dogs & cats. Vanessa is using the 12x12 paper in her fabulous new pets card set listed below.

- For those of you that get frustrated with hot glue guns, we have a fabulous new product for you. We r Memory keepers have designed a compact USB powered hot glue gun with fine & standard adjustable tips suitable for every craft project. This tool is designed not to need electricity & can be plugged into a USB power bank or portable charger.



- Lavinia stamps released their first pack of 4 sticker stencils early last year & have subsequently released another 3 packs. These are thin plastic sticky stencil shapes that can be used as masks or stencils as you have the positive & negative of all 4 images. They are fabulous for all crafty projects & can be used with inks, sprays or paints.
- We have received a top up of Tim Holtz water colour pencils for those of you that missed out last year. If you'd like to have a play with these fabulous pencils talk to us about attending a technique class with Chris. She has designed 3 cards using them in different ways.

## Classes

### Art Journaling

Meagan has created some fabulous new art journal pages for February & March. We have introduced another day for her classes as they tend to book out quickly with regular students.

"Soul whispers" is a new page using the gorgeous Darkroom door "be bold" stamp set & star border stamp. Meagan demonstrates how to use Mintay chalk paint & different stencils to create a stunning background.

Her second magical layout is called "Just imagine" where she has used lots of beautiful Lavinia stamps, distress oxide sprays, stencils, gesso, Lavinia elements ink & pan pastels.

- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 1pm - Just Imagine art journal page with Meagan \$30

### Scrapbooking

Vanessa has designed two beautiful pages using the Prima Aquarelle Dreams range. Her mauve & aqua layouts feature some pretty acetate dragonflies along with regular floral ephemera shapes.

- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February - 10am - 1pm - Aquarelle dreams layouts with Vanessa \$28

### Card-making

Tamara has been busy creating 4 fabulous "clean & simple" cards for February. It's almost back to basics in this class using stencils & dies to create 4 cards that still have classic appeal. You will learn an inlay technique with a twist to make 2 striking cards, make a fun floating card with acetate & finally a lovely coloured stencil background card decorated with die-cuts & bling.

Tamara is designing a new class for March using the Paper Rose "celebrate" collection

Vanessa has created a very cute set of pet themed cards using a bright, new collection from Simple Stories called Pet Shoppe. In this class you create 4 cards using your choice of cat or dog themed papers including a pet sympathy & other general cards for animal lovers.

Vanessa is also creating some fun cards for the young people in our lives using Uniquely creative teenage spirit & these will be on display soon.

Chris continues teaching her lovely 5 card class using Mintay Grandma's attic. This vintage style range features teal, cream & apricot floral images with butterflies, bird cages, clocks & more. We use stamps, embossing folders, distress crayons, stencils, embossing glaze & coloured pencils to enhance these lovely designs. We also create some cards with dimension including a new gatefold variation.

Chris is also in the process of creating 3 new card sets. We do have classes scheduled for some of them in February, so they are not far away!! Aquarelle Dreams is a beautiful mauve & aqua range of papers that Vanessa has created some gorgeous scrapbook layouts with. Chris has designed 10 pretty cards using the 6x6 paper pad. This class can either be done in an all-day marathon session or can be divided into two 3 hour sessions. She will also be designing book/reading themed cards using the Photoplay "Notting Hill Bookstore" range and some music card using Paper Rose "Blissful afternoon sounds". Keep an eye out for these cards later this month.

Card making classes with availability for February include:-

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10am - 1pm - 4 Clean & simple cards with Tamara \$28
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 9-30am - 1-30pm - 5 Grandma's attic cards with Chris \$32
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 1pm - 4 Pet cards with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 11am - 2pm - 4 Clean & simple cards with Tamara \$28
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 1pm - 4 Clean & simple cards with Tamara \$28
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 4pm - 10 Aquarelle dreams cards with Chris \$60
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 9-30am - 12-30pm - 4 book/reading cards with Chris \$28
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - 10am - 1pm - 4 pet cards with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February - 10am - 2pm - 5 Grandma's attic cards with Chris \$32
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - 10am - 1pm - 4 teenage spirit cards with Vanessa \$28
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - 10am - 1pm - 4 "celebrate" cards with Tamara \$28

Our walls & shelves are covered with amazing papercraft projects and most are available for you to learn. We have classes to suit all skill levels, some are technique based & others are more simple. If you see a project that you like to do & don't see any advertised dates for the class, make a note of the description tag & contact us to arrange a day for you.

Keep smiling



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