

Hi everyone,

The year is flying by & it's hard to believe it's March already! Another astounding fact is that the cost of stock rises with every package we receive!! It is very disheartening to see constant price increases across our industry. We understand that the cost of everything has gone up especially at the supermarket due to higher energy & transport costs, but it doesn't make it easier! You can rest assured we will continue to keep our prices as low as possible & keep stocking high quality products.

Specials for March

During a recent clean-up we discovered piles of 12x12 paper packs. These are older ranges that have been reduced for the clearance room. To make room for our new papers we have bundled up some older Graphic 45 papers & added them to the \$5 - (6 sheet) packs.

We are also making March the special month for Mintay 12x12 paper packs. Apart from the new ranges that have just arrived all other 12x12 Mintay paper packs will be \$15 for the month of March. Each pack contains 12 Mintay double-sided papers & a bonus cut apart sheet. Some of these have a retail price of \$26 so you need to be quick as we won't be re-stocking them.

What's new

- We love the new Ranger distress colour "lost shadow" & have topped up our supplies a couple of times this month due it's huge popularity. We also have stock of the latest individual mini distress pads. Once 4 new colours are released, Ranger put them into a 4 pack which is a cheaper way of buying them if you want all 4 new colours. In February they released the following 8 colours as individual mini pads -Speckled egg, Crackling campfire, Kitsch flamingo, Rustic wilderness, Prize ribbon, Salvaged patina, Villainous potion & Saltwater taffy. The three newest colours (unchartered mariner, lumberjack plaid & lost shadow) have not been released in the mini pads yet. There is one more colour to come in the series that will take the range to 72 colours. The final 4 pack of mini-inks is likely to be available when it's released.



- Ranger has released set 14 distress crayons including villainous potion, unchartered mariner & saltwater taffy as pictured above. Also pictured above & new to Ranger are the round sanding disks. These are designed to be used with round blending tools to give your projects texture.
- Our new Mintay products finally arrived after a long delay due to our friends at TNT losing our parcel!! To add to the disappointment, Mintay have also had another price rise, but the designs are fabulous & we will have some great projects to show you their use in a few weeks. The ranges we chose are Chocolate kiss & Little one as pictured below. Little one is traditionally very pale pastel colours that are difficult to see. We have 12x12 paper packs, 6x6 paper pads & matching ephemera packs. We have some of the individual 12x12 papers particularly the cut apart sheets.



- Another gorgeous paper range we have added to stock is "Bee Happy" from paper rose. This is not a new release, but the colours are spectacular combining sunflowers, bees, gnomes & honey. We have 6x6 paper pads, 12x12 paper packs, die cut packs & some individual 12x12 sheets. We have paired it with the paper rose honeycomb-like hexagon die set & these lovely mini-insect dies from Find it Trading. Vanessa has designed 4 lovely cards using this range & she is also creating some scrapbook layouts for April/May so keep an eye out for those.



- We have a couple of fabulous new die sets from the latest Sizzix releases. The stitched Easter bunnies are gorgeous & the birthday set is a fabulous collection of dies to cover many celebrations.
- We are excited to receive our first 13@rts order later this month. This Polish company have some amazing paper collections that are quite different to anything else we stock. Our April newsletter will have photos of the new additions including 6x6 paper pads, 12x12 paper & packs, rice paper & stencils. Keep an eye on our Facebook page as we'll be posting photos when they arrive.

Classes

Art Journaling

"Soul whispers" is one of Meagan's latest creations 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.

Meagan has also just completed an amazing layout using the Pink Ink designs meercat stamps that will be on display next week. Her classes book out very quickly so if you like the sound of any of these, please contact us & we will arrange a time for you. For now, the only class with availability for Meagan is: - Sunday 19th March - 10am - 1pm - soul whispers 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.

She is also in the process of designing some delicious layouts with the new chocolate kiss range. This is the only scrapbooking class with availability in March for Vanessa. Let us know if you need to arrange another date for either of these fabulous layouts or any others on display.

- Tuesday 28th March - 10am - 1pm - "Chocolate kiss" layouts with Vanessa \$28

Card-making

As promised, Tamara has a great new class using the Paper Rose "celebrate" collection. This gorgeous 4 card set features lots of fancy folds to highlight these striking black & gold celebration papers.

Tamara has created some fun cards that are suitable for numerous happy occasions.

Other current classes by Tamara include her 4 fabulous "clean & simple" cards 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 also has 4 beautiful cards on display using "perfect pearl" techniques. We can arrange dates for any of these classes & some are listed below.

Vanessa also has many great card-making classes on the go & her latest is using the Paper Rose "Bee happy" range. These cheery cards incorporate bees, honey & gnomes in bright yellow & green tones. Vanessa is also teaching some fun cards for the young people in our lives using the Uniquely creative "Teenage spirit" range. These are fabulous, bright cards with music, gaming & sneaker themes. Vanessa's Pet Shoppe animal cards have been very popular. 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. Her chocolate kiss cards will be on display later in the month.

Chris has been teaching a lot of her Aquarelle Dreams 10 card set. She has designed 10 pretty cards using the 6x6 paper pad. The papers are a beautiful combination of mauve & aqua florals & dragonflies & the class includes some new & different card designs, alcohol ink, stamping foam & texture paste techniques. This class can either be done in an all-day marathon session or can be divided into two 3 hour sessions.

Chris also has a set of 4 book/reading themed cards using the Photoplay "Notting Hill Bookstore" range. We create some interesting effects using multiple stencils with distress oxide inks, a gel press background technique, swing fold card & easel card

She has another set of 4 music-themed cards using Paper Rose "Blissful afternoon sounds" & lots of interesting dies. We create a spinning record card, triple flip label card, some new stencil ideas & an "in & out star" die card. Most of Chris's cards have dates with availability below:-

Card making classes with availability for March include:-

- Monday 6th March - 10am - 1pm - 4 "Bee happy" cards with Vanessa \$28
- Tuesday 7th March 10am - 1pm - 4 "Teenage spirit" cards with Vanessa \$28
- Thursday 9th March - 9-30 - 12-30pm - 4 book/reading cards with Chris \$28
- Friday 10th March - 10am - 2pm - 5 masculine cards using Paper Rose "Industrial" papers \$32
- Saturday 11th March 11am - 2pm - 4 "Celebrate" cards with Tamara \$28
- Thursday 16th March 10am - 1pm - 4 "Blissful afternoon sounds" music cards with Chris \$28
- Wednesday 29th March 9-30 -12-30 - 4 "Blissful afternoon sounds" music cards with Chris \$28
- Thursday 30th March - 10am - 1pm - 4 "Bee happy" cards with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 1st April - 10am - 1pm - 4 "Teenage spirit" cards with Vanessa \$28
- Thursday 6th April - 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 using all sorts of different mediums & others are using patterned papers. If you see a project that you like & don't see any dates advertised for the class, make a note of the description tag & contact us to arrange a day for you.

We will be closed on Monday 13th March for the Labour Day public holiday.

Keep smiling



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