

Hi everyone,

We open our newsletter to share the very sad news of the passing of Rachel Greig earlier this month. Rachel was a designer & owner of the amazing Australian company Darkroom Door. She was a warm, kind & extremely talented artist that many of you would know from her demonstrations at Papercraft shows or on you-tube. Rachel will be missed by many of us in the world of papercraft, but her love of craft will live on through us all. We have been advised that Darkroom Door will continue operating for now, with an announcement about their future early next year. We will continue using their excellent quality Aussie made & designed products in our projects for as long as we can.

### What's new:-

- We have received a small selection of the new Mintay "White Christmas" range as pictured below. Due to the large price increase of Mintay products we will only be stocking the 6x6 paper pad & 12x12 fussy cut sheets. They are beautiful, festive designs on traditional colours of red & green with aqua & a touch of gold.



- We are delighted to have more gorgeous Paper Rose A5 sentiments. This time they are predominantly birthday greetings & they come in the same combination of silver, gold & rose gold with both white or foil backgrounds. The Christmas sentiments have been a huge hit & we've just restocked them as we sold out of many of during August. Paper Rose have released mixed packs of both Christmas & Birthday designs, but the packs don't include the foiled backgrounds. Instead, they have a black & white option with the foiled lettering as pictured above. We have some of these in stock too.
- It's great to have some of the new Lavinia "Pixie pot" paint palettes in stock. This is a fabulous tool for all your watercolour needs. Dinkles, Pixie powders or Brusho crystals can be mixed with water in the small pots & the lids can keep them from spilling between uses. You can use them for many other water colouring purposes & rest your brushes in the centre section of the palette.



- Many of you have been waiting patiently on some Creative Expressions 6x6 floral 3D embossing folders. We received a large order in April & have been waiting on a top-up order since then. We do have a long list of people wanting these folders & we will be sure to be in touch as soon as they arrive. We do have their lovely "hearts on a string" 3D embossing folder (pictured above) that has been unavailable for several months too. We hope the others are not far away.
- 2024 calendar tabs from Couture Creations have just arrived for those of you wanting to create calendar gifts for the festive season. Each pack contains 10 full sets & we have plenty in stock.

## Classes

### Art Journaling

We've done some rearranging & are pleased to say that we have some availability in Meagan's very popular art journaling classes. In these classes you build layers of colour & texture onto an A4 sheet of card using all sorts of fabulous techniques & mediums. These pages can be framed, kept in a journal book or simply stored individually. You will receive detailed notes from every class so you can repeat the techniques on further pages, cards or scrapbooking layouts. In September/October Meagan has 4 different classes with availability creating the following pages:-

**"Fire"** is the newest of Meagan's classes where she teaches you how to integrate 13@rts rice paper into a background using Elements Inks, stamping, embossing and blending techniques. Once you have created your background you add the stunning Pink Ink Dragon stamp.

**"Super hero"** is a gorgeous page Meagan has created using the cheeky Pink Ink Meercat stamps. In this class you create a layered gelli print background then add dimension with Tim Holtz watercolour pencils, stencils & Couture Creations border dies.

**"Fly"** is a page where Meagan teaches you to integrate the beautiful PRIMA Aquarelle dreams patterned paper into your background using gesso, texture paste and pixie powders.

**"Fearless"** is a page where Meagan will teach you how to print with Pan Pastels on a gelli plate. You will also learn some Pan Pastels colouring and blending techniques to build depth in your gorgeous Lavinia stamps Steampunk girl.

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1pm - 4pm - **"Fire"** art journaling with Meagan \$30
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 9-30am - 12-30am - **"Super Hero"** art journaling with Meagan \$30
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1pm - 4pm - **"Fly"** art journaling with Meagan \$30
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 12noon - 3pm - **"Fearless"** art journaling with Meagan \$30

### Card-making

**Tamara** has some fabulous cards for September using new foiling techniques. In this 3-card set she demonstrates using the Couture Creations hot foiling pen along with her favourite stencils & stamps. You will create distress ink backgrounds, stamp & colour images & learn how to enhance them with various coloured foil highlights.

**Vanessa** has created some stunning new cards using the 13@rts "End of summer" range. These cards feature bright, Autumnal florals, butterflies, hearts & foxes with black, orange & rose gold embellishments.

Vanessa has also designed some fabulous masculine style cards using 13@rts "Industrial Zone" papers. Her combination of easel & gatefold cards feature cogs, taps, chains & pipes on black, kraft & rose gold cardstock.

**Chris** has designed a set of 6 cards using a 6x6 paper pad from Prima called Christmas Sparkle from last year. These cards are predominantly pale pink & pale blue for something a bit different & have images of Santa, reindeer, Christmas trees & candy stripes. We make a shaker card, stamping/embossing/resist technique card & 4 other simple cards with a festive theme.

Card making classes with availability for September/October include: -

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - 10am - 1pm - 4 "End of summer" cards with Vanessa \$28
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September - 10am - 1pm - 6 Prima Christmas sparkle cards with Chris \$32
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September - 11am - 2pm - 4 NEW foiling pen technique cards with Tamara \$28
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September - 10am - 1pm - 4 Industrial Zone masculine cards with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September - 11am - 2pm - 6 Prima Christmas sparkle cards with Chris \$32
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September - 9-30 - 12noon - 6 Prima Christmas sparkle cards with Chris \$32
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September - 10am - 1pm - 4 NEW foiling technique cards with Tamara \$28
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 10am - 1pm - 4 cards with Vanessa \$28

We will have new Christmas papers & embellishments arriving in September & there will soon be some new Christmas cards on display for October classes.

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 read about or 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.

For many of us the football season is over, but for a few the premiership dream is still alive. Some of you couldn't care less!! We are very much looking forward to a fabulous month of football & craft culminating with our 13@rts workshops on Grand Final weekend. Many thanks to those of you that have enrolled for classes. I'm sure we're going to have a wonderful weekend & be home for the first bounce on Saturday. We are very excited to be hosting Aida from Poland & will certainly give her a taste of September in Melbourne. The shop will be open for our regular hours on Grand Final weekend if you need a craft fix.

Keep smiling



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