

Hi everyone,

We are pleased to be absolutely flat out with lots of fabulous deliveries & classes every day during October & November. There are still a few classes with availability & details are below.

We have noticed that many of you have made a great start on your Christmas cards & that's excellent. It's crazy that our suppliers are still releasing new Christmas products now!!! We have purchased a few that are fabulous, but our Christmas planning was done months ago & we won't be getting a lot more Christmas products in. We have advised them to try & release these ranges earlier in the future.

We still have plenty of great bargains in our clearance area. Discontinued stock (excluding 12x12 paper & paper packs) is reduced by a further 50% off the sale price while stocks last. These items are already reduced so a further 50% is crazy!!

What's new:-

- Aida is home in Poland after 4 wonderful weeks 'Downunder' & our order has arrived. We now have a range of 20 beautiful 13@rts color glow pigment powders. We also have the final two colours of 13@rts acrylic ink making 7 colours in total. Glossy black & white & glittery gold, silver, copper, turquoise & pink. Most of the pink has been pre-sold, but we shall have more in a couple of weeks. We also have two of 13@rts 12x12 printed vellum sheets along with the 12x12 smooth water colour paper. The large tubs of gel medium & the card boxes are currently out of stock in Poland so we shall get some with our next order.



- Lavinia has plenty happening at the moment! We received one order this week with their new mini hill masks & the 5th set of sticker stencils as well as some top-ups of the Halloween range including both sets of book stack stamps. We have also ordered one of each of their new Christmas stamps in the picture. It's a great pity that they didn't release these earlier, but ours have been shipped & we should have them next week. All are pictured below. If there are any that you would like us to put aside for you, please get in touch & we will let you know when they arrive.



- We are really pleased to see that Tonic have released a new Tim Holtz paper trimmer with scorer as pictured above. This version is almost identical to the discontinued blue/grey model that some of you have already. Others may have the compact orange/grey trimmer without a scorer. The great news is that scoring blades are available for both trimmers & sold separately to the cutting blades. We have ordered several of the new trimmers & scorers & have a huge stock of replacement blades for all three trimmers. We hope our new stock will be here mid-November.

- We were delighted to see the new 'Lost in Wonderland' range from Prima! This gorgeous collection features Alice in Wonderland images on beautiful warm backgrounds. The 12x12 paper pad also includes foiled papers. The 6x6 pad has the same images without the foil. We also have the vellum & cardstock ephemera packs. We are very disappointed that Prima have not included individual 12x12 papers in this collection, so we won't be doing as many class projects with it. It is still absolutely gorgeous & we have all 4 products on display at the shop.



- We couldn't resist this lovely 8x8 'Junk journal' paper pad from Woodware. The colours are bright & cheery distressed designs & are perfect for slimline, 5x7, square or A5 cards.
- For those of you waiting 6 months for a gorgeous Creative Expressions embossing folder the news is bad. Despite us having a backorder for all of this time, we have now been told that this has been discontinued. The closest we could find to this lovely floral folder is this one from Altenew called 'Daisy bed' pictured above. It's a 3D floral design that is very similar & we have plenty in stock.
- Simon Hurley has released more lunar paste colours! We liked the Weeping Willow (brown) & Cookie dough (beige) to contrast the lovely range of bright colours we have in stock. All have a gorgeous sheen once dry & can be used in many fabulous ways to enhance your projects.

Classes

Card-making There is still plenty of Christmas card-making happening at the moment, but we have some not-so Christmassy designs to create too.

Tamara is continuing classes with her 4-card class using the Paper Rose Merry Little Christmas background pages in traditional colours of red & green & brown. This set is a fabulous mix of 3 different fancy folds and a triple a triple shaker card. Each card looks complicated, but can easily be repeated to make multiples.

Tamara has also created a great new 'Color my world' card set with 3 new wonderful new fancy fold designs. In this class you will be creating backgrounds using a variety of mediums. Alcohol inks and alcohol markers to create a pleasing background for a calendar tab card. Pearlescent ink pads, stamp and die set and embossing folder to make a 3-layer acetate card. You will also use Distress Mica stains with 3 of the wonderful Lavinia owl stamps.

Vanessa has created 4 beautiful Christmas cards using Mintay 'White Christmas' range. This paper range includes traditional Christmas colours with a splash of aqua & the cards have lots of dimension & gorgeous embellishments.

If you'd like a break from Christmas cards you may prefer to make Vanessa's new set of beachy cards using 13@rts travel journal. These will be on display next week.

Chris continues teaching all 3 of her Christmas card sets & is also designing a new gift bags of cards. The largest 10 card set is using the Echo Park 'Gnome for Christmas' 6x6 paper pad. These traditional red, white & green cards have some interesting folds & we have repeated some techniques we have used throughout the year including gilding flakes, pixie powders, a shaker card & some gilding wax. The set is relatively simple so the cards can be made in multiples for a busy card-making season. It can be done as a 10-card class or two 5 card classes.

Chris has also created a 5-card set using the gorgeous new **Enchanting Christmas** range from Paper Rose. This range features beautiful mauve images with a touch of sage green. The cards are using the 6x6 paper pad with interesting folds & flaps, but without any messy techniques.

If you would like to get your hands dirty then Chris's **Inky Christmas backgrounds** are more your style. In this class we make 6 different A5 cards using 6 different background techniques. We use alcohol ink, distress oxide ink, watercolour pencils, Lavinia mica sprays, pixie powders & Lavinia inks with gel press. We add a Paper Rose 'Nature Stroll festive' tag to each card to add a delightful Aussie flavour. This class takes a little longer than usual as there is a lot of drying time for inky techniques & we make 6 cards. It's best to allow 3½ hours.

Chris is also in the process of designing a gift bag of cards using the gorgeous **13@rts 'secret garden'** & hopes to have this finished in the next week or so. We decorate a bag & fill it with 10 cards & envelopes. There are some classes for this project later in November & will be more in December if you would like to make it for a Christmas present. There will be more dates in the new year. It will be on display soon.

Card making classes with availability for November/December include: -

- Tuesday 7th November (Melb cup day) - 10am - 4pm - 10 Gnome for Christmas cards with Chris \$60
- Saturday 11th November 11am - 2pm - 4 Merry little Christmas cards with Tamara \$28
- Saturday 18th November 11am - 2pm - 6 Christmas background technique cards with Chris \$32
- Tuesday 21st November 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 Enchanting Christmas cards with Chris \$32
- Thursday 23rd November 10am - 1pm - 4 13@rts 'Travel journal' cards with Vanessa \$28
- Friday 24th November 10am - 1pm - 5 Enchanting Christmas cards with Chris \$32
- Thursday 30th November 10am - 4pm - 13@rts 'Secret garden' bag of 10 cards with Chris \$65
- Tuesday 5th December 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'White Christmas' cards with Vanessa \$28
- Saturday 9th December 11am - 2pm - 3 'Colour my world' cards with Tamara \$28
- Saturday 16th December 10am - 4pm - 13@rts 'Secret garden' bag of 10 cards with Chris \$65

Art Journaling

Meagan has two classes with availability in November & one in December. **'My familiar'** is a stunning layout featuring 3 owls on a branch in the moonlight. In this class you learn how to do a Distress Oxide printing technique then add Pan Pastels to create a moon using masks. Finishing off with stamping, collaging and layering the Lavinia Owls to create a night scene.

Meagan has created another gorgeous festive art journal layout featuring one of the Paper Rose **'Enchanting Christmas'** gnome pages. In this class you will build up a layered collaged background using gesso, texture paste, 13@arts texture powder & watercolours. You also enhance your layout with some 13@rts sparkly acrylic ink.

- Sunday 5th November 12noon - 3pm - 'My familiar' art journaling with Meagan \$30
- Wednesday 29th November - 9-30am -12-30 pm - 'Christmas' art journaling with Meagan \$30
- Sunday 10th December - 12noon - 3pm - 'Christmas' art journaling with Meagan \$30

We will be open on Tuesday 7th November "Melbourne Cup day" from 11am -3pm. We hope you are able to enjoy a relaxing long weekend.

Keep smiling



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