

Hi everyone,

We are getting very festive with the decorations up & numerous Christmas break-up parties scheduled this month. If you are dropping in, be prepared to see tables of party food & drink as we enjoy end of year feasts with our regular craft groups. It's been a wonderful year & we are already looking forward to some great new projects in 2024.

What's new:-

- Couture Creations have a new paper range called Vintage tea and our selections are pictured below. We have 6x6 paper pads, 8x8 vellum paper pads, floral paper-tole sheets & their teapot & floral cake stamp/die sets. We have made up some 4-card kits using this range & details are below



- Our new Tim Holtz paper trimmers have arrived & are selling fast. This model comes with a spare cutting blade & a score blade. Some of you may have the compact orange/grey Tonic trimmer pictured below that is not sold with a scorer. We now have separate scoring blades that fit both trimmers. We also have a December special on the Tim Holtz Tonic 8.5 inch guillotines pictured below. These will be \$40 each while we have stock. They are the perfect companion to the new 12 trimmer as they have the same grid base & measuring system and they are perfect for a small craft space. Some papers are much easier to cut with a guillotine so it's great to have both.



- Our new Lavinia Christmas stamps (pictured above) arrived mid-November & we have already sold out of the most popular Christmas trees "wild pine" & "Christmas Joy". We have placed another order that we expect to arrive within a week or so. Those of you that placed pre-orders have been notified & most have been collected.
- For those of you waiting on our 13@rts card boxes the news is great. We now have a selection of card boxes for your special dimensional cards so we don't need to squash them into standard envelopes. We have both white & kraft boxes to fit A5 (A4 folded in half), DL (slimline) & large square (up to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch) cards pictured below. All are easy to assemble & have acetate windows in the lid so you can see your gorgeous creations.



- We also have 25 color glow colours & large tubs of gel medium from 13@rts in stock.

Classes It has been a crazy couple of months & now that the silly season has officially arrived our classes are winding down. Most of us our flat out with Christmas shopping, parties & recovery from both so there are only 2 classes with availability for December for the die-hard students. As mentioned before, our regular students will be having their final classes for the year & these are all jam packed.

Thanks to our extremely talented teachers Jenn, Meagan, Tamara & Vanessa for giving us an amazing range of wonderful projects this year. Thanks to all our students for booking out classes 7 days a week & making our shop a wonderful place to hang out & craft. Here are some details of classes for December. These will be repeated in the new year so don't panic if you are too busy this month!!

Tamara has created a gorgeous 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/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. We have one more class with availability this year: -

- Saturday 9th December 11am - 2pm - 3 Colour my world cards with Tamara \$28

Chris has completed her gift bag of cards using the beautiful 13@rts 'secret garden' 6x6 inch paper pad & they are on display. In this class we decorate a bag & fill it with 9 cards & envelopes. Some of the techniques include resist stencilling, stamp masking & heat embossing on vellum. We also create a 3-window shaker card, easel card & a new bay window card design. All to fit beautifully in a decorated bag. This makes the perfect gift for one of your "A list" friends & this year we have availability on

- Saturday 16th December 10am - 4pm - Secret Garden 9 cards & bag with Chris \$60

Card making kits

After several requests for projects over the summer break Chris has designed a set of 4 cards that come in kit form for you to complete at home. She would prefer to create cards with different mediums, textures & techniques, but these are not suitable for kits, so patterned paper it is. We use some of the new Couture Creations Vintage Tea 12x12 papers & paper tole pack pictured above. The four cards include a gatefold easel, concertina window tab, triple circle window & a simple A5 layered card. All cards/papers are cut to size & ready to go in individual envelopes with 3 pages of detailed instructions for you to follow. Everything you need for the cards is supplied except tape & glue. **Kit cost is \$30 to pick up & an extra \$3 for postage, if needed.** All are on display at the shop.

We are all looking forward to a Christmas break. Our last day of trading will be **Saturday 23rd December from 1pm - 4pm**. We will re-open on **Monday 8th January 2024** & regular classes will commence from **Sunday 14th January**. We will confirm 2024 class dates with regular students this month & will have a newsletter in the new year with class details for January.

Many thanks for supporting our business this year. Without you we would be falling by the wayside as many others have before us. Wishing you & your families all the best for a wonderful Christmas. Have a safe & happy holiday season & be sure to get plenty craft projects started (& hopefully finished) LOL!

Keep smiling & Merry Christmas



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