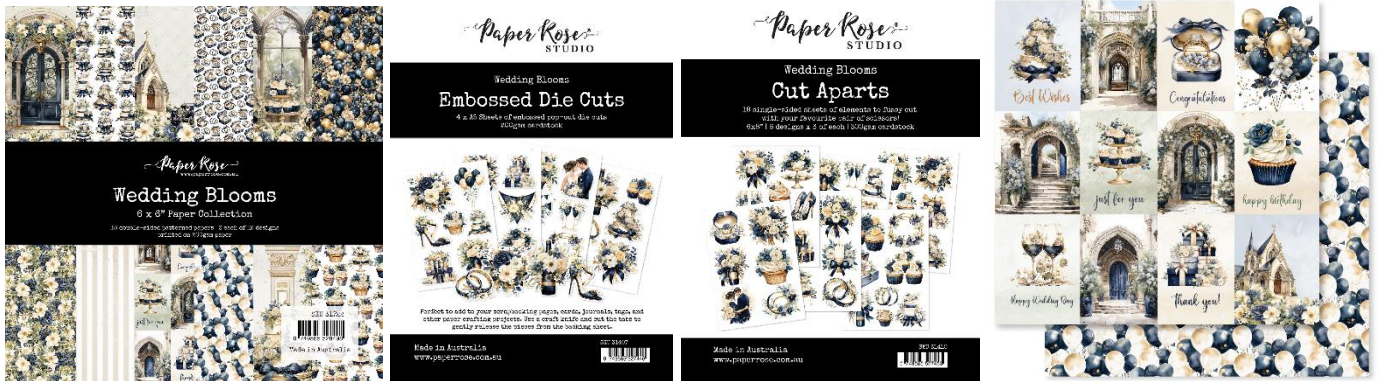


Hi everyone,

We've had a very busy month of classes & it's been wonderful to welcome so many new customers to the shop in April! Thanks to our new crafters & to all our regulars for supporting our little business in the Yarra Valley. Without you we would be heading the same way as numerous other papercraft shops, so we really appreciate your support.

What's new:-

- Paper Rose are constantly coming up with some amazing new products & April is no exception. We can't choose them all, but some took our fancy including the gorgeous new wedding range. 'Wedding blooms' features beautiful navy blue, cream & gold wedding designs, but also includes florals, balloons & non-specific patterns that could be perfect for many special occasions. We have 6x6 pads, 12x12 paper packs, embossed die cuts, cut apart & the 12x12 labels sheet as pictured below.



- Also new from Paper Rose are these wonderful 'floral envelopes' cut apart packs, Leafy Garden 3d embossing folder (already sold out at Paper Rose, but we have a few left in stock) If you are yet to finish your Mother's day cards we have a lovely new Paper Rose die set with letters are approx. 15mm high



- Tim Holtz continues to re-release some of his old favourite stamp & die sets in the 'vault' series. We have not purchased many for stock, but we're doing lots of special orders. If you'd like us to get any for you, we need to know immediately they are advertised. There is such a high demand for these products that they can take months to arrive if we miss the first order. We did purchase two of his fabulous mini layered stencil sets (#59 & #60) for stock & they are pictured above.
- Creative Expressions have some great new Art Deco products including these wonderful dies & a lovely 3D embossing folder pictured below. We're hoping they will release some new Art Deco papers to match.



- We have just got off the phone to Aida from 13@rts in Poland & we are thrilled to advise that her March release ranges are ready to ship next week. The two totally different collections are definitely worth waiting for. One is beautiful soft floral pastels & the other is a vintage brown & blue grungy collection. The great news is that she has brought back 6x6 paper pads for these releases, along with the usual 12x12 papers, ephemera, stencils, stamps & paper packs Ours should arrive in a couple of weeks.
- There is good & bad news from Lavinia stamps. The good news is that they have another new range called 'The forest realm' on the way. The bad news is that we have to find somewhere to put it!!! If you see anything you love the look of, let us know & we can order some for you. The release date is 10th May.
- We were disappointed to hear that Couture Creations have discontinued their electric Go Cut & Emboss machines. We sold our last machine recently & are unable to source more. I am assured by Couture Creations that they will continue to supply replacement plates for this very popular machine, but we have purchased a large stock of them for the time being. We are doing some investigations about another electric die cutting machines & whether or not we need to stock them.

Classes

Art Journalling

We have some rare places in 3 different art journalling classes with Meagan in May & there are both morning & afternoon options available.

- Her latest design is using the beautifully colourful '**Rainbow garden**' patterned paper from Paper Rose. In this class you will learn to create a mixed media background with paints, gesso, texture paste & 13@rts color glow powders. Then collage images to create a scene using pan pastel & watercolour pencil
- 'Baa bara' is a gorgeous sheep stamp set from Pink Ink designs. Meagan has brought her to life with some fabulous layering techniques combining so many elements in her '**Sheep Happens**' page. Starting with a Gelly printed background using distress oxide & Lavinia mica sprays then adding stencils, gesso, stamping, collage, Tim Holtz water colour pencils & collage tissue paper.
- Her amazing '**You're Roarsome**' page uses another Pink ink designs Lion stamp set. You will learn layering techniques with patterned papers, gesso, distress crayons & stencils. Dates with availability include: -
 - Wednesday 8th May 9-30 - 12-30 - Rainbow garden \$30
 - Sunday 19th May 12noon - 3pm - 'Sheep Happens' \$30
 - Wednesday 22nd May 2pm - 5pm - Rainbow garden \$30
 - Wednesday 29th May 9-30 - 12-30 'Roarsome' \$30

Card-making

- **Vanessa** continues teaching her very popular Mintay 'Happy birthday' cards this month which feature pink & deep blue birthday images including presents, cakes, balloons, champagne & flowers. These cards have the usual with lots of great dimensional elements.
- She has also created 4 gorgeous new cards in various shapes & sizes using the 13@rts 'Sunrise' papers. These new cards feature flowers, leaves & lots of butterflies in rust, peach & navy tones.
- Vanessa is repeating one her wonderful, original classes using Paper Rose Outback friends. You will create 4 amazing Aussie cards using kangaroo, koala, wombat & dingo images surrounded by gum nuts & leaves.

Tamara has several different classes on the go in May

- One new set of 4 cards is using some terrific stencilling techniques. In this class you learn many ways to use stencils including embossing glaze, ink blending/resist & a fabulous boho technique.
- Tamara also has a lovely new set of 4 bright cards called 'Circling the rainbow'. This class combines some of the Paper Rose rainbow collection papers. You will have a choice of colours to pair with some graduated Bazzill colours learning some beautiful, layered circle techniques. The gorgeous, embossed butterfly die cuts make a beautiful addition to these cards. Finally, you will create a unique circular rotating card using pretty floral patterns.
- Tamara is also repeating a favourite class teaching lots of fabulous foiling techniques. In this class you create 4 cards using various ways to use foil including a couple of fabulous gel stencil cards with a laminator

Chris has availability for some old & new classes in May. There are no vacancies for Winnie the pooh cards this month so if you'd like to make this card set we will need to find a date for you in June or July. Her Mintay 'Great outdoors' set of 10 cards have a rustic theme with wonderful bush tones of green & brown. The set includes techniques in stamping & embossing, distress crayons, distress watercolour pencils & a blended reflection scene. We also create some interesting folds to highlight the amazing images of this 6x6 paper pad.

One of Chris's older 10 card classes is from the Paper Rose 'Industrial' range. In this 10 card class we incorporate gel press, embossing glaze, alcohol lift ink techniques along with some great ways to use matching scraps of paper. This class will be over 2 months as we are splitting the 10 cards into two sets of five. You will need to be available for both dates to join this class.

If you prefer a single session of cards with Chris she has just completed a colourful range of cards using the Paper Rose 'Rainbow twirl' 6x6 paper pad. This bright & colourful set of 5 cards stamping/embossing & colouring, alcohol ink & a couple of dimensional folded cards.

These are current card-making dates with availability: -

- Tuesday 7th May - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Happy Birthday' cards with Vanessa \$28
- Thursday 9th May - 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 rainbow twirl cards with Chris \$30
- Saturday 11th May - 11am - 2pm - 4 'Foiling technique' cards with Tamara \$28
- Thursday 16th May - 10am - 1pm - 4 'Circling the rainbow' cards with Tamara \$28
- Thursday 30th May - 9-30 - 3-30 - 10 'Great Outdoors' cards with Chris \$60 ** this class can also be done as part 1 only & part 2 can be done at a later date if a whole day class cannot work for you
- Friday 31st May - 10am - 1pm - 4 Paper Rose 'Outback friends' cards with Vanessa \$28
- Tuesday 4th June - 10am - 1pm - 4 13arts 'Sunrise' cards with Vanessa \$28
- Thursday 6th June & 4th July - two 5 card classes - Paper Rose Industrial cards with Chris 2 x \$32

In the next week or so you will notice a new fence being erected in the carpark. We will eventually have marked parking bays to ensure that our space is maximised. Please consider others when parking along the fence-line so there is room for everyone.

Keep smiling



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