

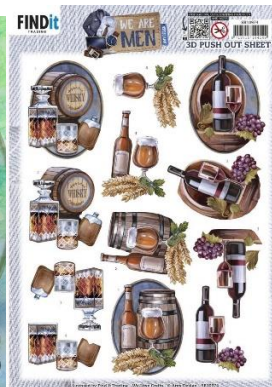
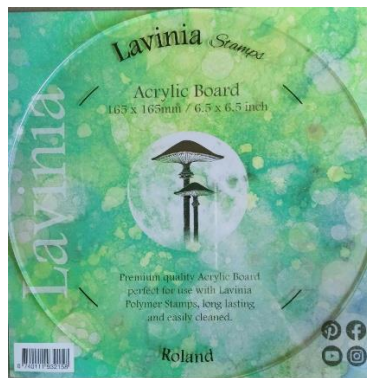
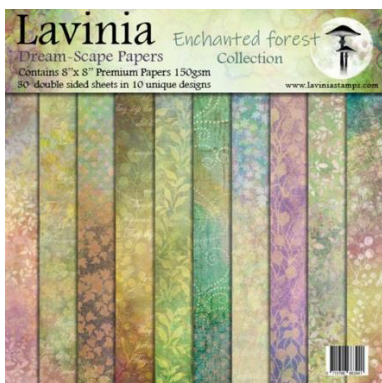
Hi everyone

Happy New year! We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing festive season doing what makes you happy. We are enjoying a lovely break with friends, family & our favourite sport on TV.

My New Year's Eve party days are long gone & I was very happy to be at home listening to my favourite music, typing the newsletter with a few glasses of wine. May 2025 bring good health & much happiness!

**What's new** - Many of our suppliers are closed over the Christmas period & we only have few new things to show you this month. We have stocked up on our regular staple items for the year ahead

- The great news is that the 12 new (now not so new!!!) Versafine Clair ink pads are finally on the way. We ordered ours in March 2024 & had given up on ever seeing them! The story goes that Tsukineko ran out of the raw material to make the new colours so many suppliers didn't get any of their pre-orders. Sadly, ours was one of those suppliers. Our order should be here by the end of next week. If you would like a colour or two put aside for you, let us know & we will send you a message when they arrive. All 12 new colours are coming.
- New from Lavinia in December are these gorgeous new 'Dreamscape - Enchanted Forest' Paper Pads. The new 8x8 paper pads contain 30 double-sided sheets with 3 of each design. Papers are a mix of beautifully blended inky, stencilled, patterns in a rainbow of lovely soft colours.
- Also new from Lavinia are these round acrylic boards. They are designed to work with their round gel press & can also be used for stamping. Other shapes are available, but we're going to have a play with this one prior to getting others.



- For those of you that love paper tole, we have this fabulous new set called 'we are men'. It features wine, whisky & beer images that don't necessarily have to be for men, but they add some lovely dimensional images to your projects.
- Several of our customers are using the 'Nuvo deluxe Adhesive' & we now have some in stock in both 60ml & 120ml sizes. Just another adhesive to add to our collection of favourites.

## Classes

We've had a bit of a change of plans for classes this month as our teachers are having a well-deserved break from designing/teaching during January & many of you are on holidays. Our first class for the year will be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January but many of our regular classes will recommence next month. We will be sending our February newsletter in a few weeks & this will outline more classes & dates. If you are unsure when your class will resume get in touch with us & we will confirm.

We have held off having a price increase for our classes for a long time. Sadly, with the huge increase in many of the materials we use & the very low Australian dollar it needs to happen this year.

Tamara, Vanessa & Chris's new 3-4 card classes will now be \$30. Chris's new 5 card classes will now be \$35. We pride ourselves on using beautiful quality cardstock & papers & have some fabulous, unique designs so we consider our classes are still very good value. We also have some of the best teachers in the industry who each have their own styles. We have many different & very well-attended classes 7 days a week with many booked weeks & months in advance. Long may this continue!

## Card-making

**Tamara & Vanessa** will be working at the shop in January, but don't have any availability for card-making classes until February. They are working on some fabulous new card designs that will be on display before our February newsletter in a few weeks.

**Chris** created a set of 5 cards using the Paper Rose 'Cozy Fall' 12x12 papers late last year. The cards feature florals, books & knitting images on beautiful, muted pink, yellow, orange, sage green & blue coloured backgrounds. We use embossing glaze, texture paste, stencils, watercolour pencils, blended inks & sticky masks to make these colours pop

She is also teaching a 3-card class using the pretty 'Flight of fancy' papers from Graphic 45 this month. In this class we create 3 backgrounds using pixie powders, texture paste, distress oxide inks & new distress sprays. The backgrounds compliment the gorgeous pastel coloured hummingbird & butterfly images in this paper range.

Chris is working on a few classes for February including a 10-card class using Mintay 'By the Lake'. We have a class listed at the end of January for this set. These cards will be on display in a couple of weeks & there will be plenty of others dates for 2 x 5 card classes & 10 card classes so keep an eye out for those. Classes with availability in January include: -

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 10am - 1pm - 3 'Flight of Fancy' cards with Chris \$28
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 9-30am - 12-30pm 3 'Flight of Fancy' cards with Chris \$28
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January - 9-30am - 12-30pm 5 'Cozy Fall' cards with Chris \$32
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January - 10am - 4pm - 10 Mintay 'By the Lake' cards with Chris \$68

## Scrap-booking

Vanessa is repeating one of her gorgeous classes using the Mintay Autumn Splendour range this month. These typical rusty coloured pages feature lots of autumn leaves, corrugated card, woodgrain & splashes of teal & green embellishments. These rustic layouts are on display & if you would like to join in you might like to pick up the embellishment sheet to 'fussy cut' prior to class. This can also be done during class. All Scrapbooking classes will now be \$30 per session to cover increasing costs of materials.

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 10am - 1pm - Autumn Splendour 2-page layouts with Vanessa \$30

**Art journaling** classes with **Meagan** will resume in February & we hope to have some new days/dates & availability for 2025

**We will be re-opening the shop on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 11am with a New Years Sale.**

All full-priced stock (except for special orders & die cut machines) will be reduced by 15% until Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January. We have reduced some 'older' Mintay 6x6 paper pads & 12x12 packs & we've made up more \$5 clearance packs from discontinued Mintay & Graphic 45 ranges. We've also discounted more 13@rts paper pads & packs so there will be plenty of bargains for both scrap-bookers & card-makers!

We look forward to seeing you soon

Keep smiling & stay cool



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