

Hi everyone

The year is flying by & it seems like I have less hours in every day to do what needs doing. Must be time for a holiday! I don't remember a time when we have had as much amazing stock arriving all at once!! There are so many lovely new & different craft goodies & not many places left to put them!! We hope there is something you love in the latest offerings

What's new -

- Our 3 wonderful new Mintay ranges have arrived & they are all very different, but equally fabulous! 'Home Sweet Home' is a collection of mauve, white & sage green modern home designs with lots of great background papers. 'Photographer' is a teal & sepia collection of photographic scenes sprinkled with some floral accents. 'Blossom Serenity' is a gorgeous combination of yellow & pink florals with birds, butterflies & some wonderful background papers. All are only available in 8x8 inch paper pads as Mintay are not making 6x6 inch pads anymore. We got the usual 12x12 fussy cut & 12 label sheets along with die cut packs in each of the ranges. We also have some 12x12 paper packs in the Photographer range as some of the images are perfect for scrapbooking.
- To work with new 8x8 paper pad size we now have stock of white 8x8 cards & separate envelope packs to fit. The large size will cost more to post, but ideal for a group card or a special occasion



- The new Lavinia 'Herbs & delights' collection has arrived too & it's adorable. 3 cute little garden elves, pots & sprigs of our favourite herbs, 'shrooms', wheel barrow, park bench & of course some herby words. We also have two wonderful new sticky stencil sets with some great new small sized vases & a new smaller cork stamp to fit. All are pictured below.



- For lovers of Alice in Wonderland you have hit the jackpot! Our third Alice range is here & it's another lovely collection. 'Return to Wonderland' is a new range from Prima & it has many more characters than their earlier Alice range, but it has a very similar colour palette of lovely, muted tones. We have 12x12 & 6x6 paper packs, 3 different ephemera packs, bling journal cards, sticker roll & many other gorgeous matching embellishments in the picture below



- For Lisa Horton lovers we are very excited to have the full range of her new Cloud 9 metallic pigment ink pads pictured above. The colours are amazing & we have swatches on display. These ink pads are beautifully creamy so they are perfect for blending & stencil work & have an amazing shimmery finish in 10 brilliant colours. We also have some more colours to add to our Lisa Horton interference ink collection on backorder. We hope to have them by the end of the month as the supply was certainly a lot less than the demand!
- We also have more for lovers of Winnie the pooh. Echo Park have created a second collection called 'The House at Pooh corner' pictured above. The colour palette is the same as their original release last year, but the papers have some great new designs including single pages covered in each of our favourite characters. We have 12x12 individual sheets of many of these as in the photo above as well as 6x6 paper pads, 6x6 mega paper pads, 12x12 paper pads & ephemera sets. All are designed to work perfectly with their earlier papers & stamp sets.
- You may have noticed that we have some new cardstock. We are now stocking 45 colours of Couture Creations textured card & have them in two separate racks. Whilst they don't have as bigger range of colours as our regular Bazzill textured card, the quality is very good for 216gsm card & it is much cheaper. It is cheaper again to buy a 10 pack so check it out when you are in next.
- Speaking of Couture Creations cardstock, many of you have been waiting patiently for the 50 card & envelope packs to come back into stock. We have good & bad news! The good news is that white A5 & 5x7 card & envelope packs will be here in a couple of weeks. The bad news is that the square card packs won't be here until after Easter 😞
- Due to the sudden closure of Creative Expressions, we have decided to clear some of their products to make room for new & current stock. This month we have both Cosmic Shimer 'glitter kiss' & 'gilding polish' reduced to \$8 per jar. All of them come with a sponge dauber in the lid & won't last long at this price. We also have a few Cosmic Shimmer Gilding wax jars for \$4
- Next week we have a wonderful new collection coming from Asuka Studio called 'Peter's Garden' based on Peter rabbit & friends. We've ordered some gorgeous papers, paper pads, a stamp set & some ephemera so we are looking forward to seeing that very soon

Classes

Scrap-booking

Vanessa has two wonderful scrapbooking classes on the go at the moment. Her beautiful new layouts are using the Mintay 'Blossom Serenity' collection described above. These gorgeous pale yellow pages feature flowers, birds & butterfly embellishments along with some pretty pink lace to add texture.

Vanessa will continue to teach her wonderful Mintay 'Places we go' layouts too. These travel themed pages feature rustic colours, compasses, cameras, suitcases & signposts with splashes of florals on a teal base.

- **Saturday 8th March - 10am - 1pm** 'Places we go' scrapbooking layouts with Vanessa \$30
- **Saturday 12th April - 10am - 1pm** 'Blossom Serenity' scrapbooking layouts with Vanessa \$30

Art Journaling

Meagan has been busy creating lots of lovely art journal pages this year & our walls are running out of places to put them all!

In one of her fabulous March layouts, she uses the 'Paint your Life' collection from 13@rts. In this class you will learn to make a layered mixed media background using an embossing powder resist technique, Lavinia Elements inks & 13@rts Colorglow powders followed by layers of stamping. Your page will be completed with 'Paint your Life' collage elements, acrylic glitter & watercolour pencils.

Meagan's newest creation is called 'Sebastian Seahorse'. In this class you create an amazing mixed media bubble background with matte medium, paint & isopropyl alcohol. You then create an underwater scene using Lavinia stamps & stencils with Sebastian Seahorse as the main image. Classes with availability include:-

- **Saturday 15th March 10am - 1pm** - 'Sebastian Seahorse' art journal page with Meagan \$30
- **Wednesday 26th March 2pm - 5pm** - 'Paint your life' art journal page with Meagan \$30

Card-making

Vanessa has designed some beautiful new cards using the Mintay 'See you in Paris' range. She has combined some great dimensional cards including a lovely heart shaker with lots of pink, French embellishments & some rose gold of course. Dates are listed below.

Tamara has some wonderful new geometric birthday cards made with bright colours some fabulous folds & shapes. Learn how to use your favourite patterned paper in great new ways with these amazing designs.

She is also teaching her very popular 'Circling the rainbow' class this month. This class combines some of the Paper Rose rainbow collection papers. You will have a choice of colours to pair with some graduated textured card 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. Class details are listed below

Tamara will be away during most of March, but will have more class dates with availability in April.

Chris has completed her set of 10 cards using the Mintay 'By the lake' 6x6 paper pad. This paper range is predominantly green, blue & brown with boats, lakes, ducks & waterlilies & most cards are suitable for all genders. In this set we use some Perfect pearls & circle gel press techniques, create some special dimensional cards along with a simple paper tole card. This 10-card set is normally done in two parts & the order doesn't matter. Most of the sessions listed below are for part 1 & the second session will follow on with the same class in April. If that can't work for you there are many options to do part 1 or 2 of these cards so we will always be able to fit you in somewhere.

Chris has almost completed a new set of 5 cards using the Mintay 'Home sweet home' 8x8 inch paper pad. As mentioned above, Mintay have changed their small paper pads from 6x6 to 8x8 inches so these cards will provide some ideas for using this new size. Cards will be on display next week

She has made a set of 5 beautiful cards using an older Mintay 6x6 paper pad called 'Blissful Time' with a pale blue, burgundy & pale pink floral colour palette. This set of cards includes a floral gel press background, a cute Lavinia stamped & coloured image, simple pinwheel, gatefold & a new exploding card

Chris continues to teach 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 spritz. The backgrounds compliment the gorgeous pastel coloured hummingbird & butterfly images in this paper range.

Card making classes with availability in March are listed below: -

- **Monday 3rd March - 10am - 1pm** - 4 Mintay 'See you in Paris' cards with Vanessa \$30
- **Tuesday 11th March - 9-30 - 12-30** - 5 Mintay 'Blissful Time' cards with Chris \$35
- **Thursday 13th March 9-30am-12-30** - 5 Mintay 'Home sweet home' cards with Chris \$35

- Monday 17th March - 9-30am - 12-30pm - Part 2 - 5 Mintay 'By the Lake' cards with Chris \$35
- Wednesday 19th March - 9-30am - 12-30pm - Part 1 - 5 Mintay 'By the Lake' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 20th March - 10am - 1pm - 3 'Flight of Fancy' cards with Chris \$28
- Saturday 22nd March - 2pm - 5pm - 5 Mintay 'Blissful Time' cards with Chris \$35
- Tuesday 25th March - 9-30 - 12-30pm - Part 1 - 5 Mintay 'By the Lake' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 27th March 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'See you in Paris' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Friday 28th March 2pm - 5pm - 4 Circling the rainbow cards with Tamara \$30
- Saturday 29th March 11am - 2pm - 3 bright geometric birthday cards with Tamara \$30

As always, if you like the sound of any of our classes & you don't see a date that suits you, get in touch with us & we will find a place for you or arrange a new day/date.

In our last newsletter we mentioned a new charity that accepts donations of handmade cards. After speaking to Wendy from 'Handmade cards for Seniors Australia' & we are now an official collection point for card donations. Those of you that donated to 'Heart letter Pen' will be aware that there was certain criteria for the cards & it only creates work for the volunteers if we don't stick to this. 'Handmade cards for seniors' have different criteria & we will put together an information sheet to make sure things are done as they wish. If you'd like us to email this to you, let us know. We will also have hard copies at the shop soon. They have a Facebook group that you may like to join with some great card ideas & lots of information. They are coming to the end of their Easter card collection & now seeking 'thinking of you' & general sentiments like 'hello', 'just for you' etc.

Our shop will be open for regular hours on both Saturday 8th March & Monday 10th March - Labour Day weekend.

Keep smiling



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