

Hi everyone

It was great to chat to Aida from 13@rts this week & learn about the progress of our workshop planning for later in the year. Many of you have been asking about her visit in October & the good news is that her latest new collections are finished & will be released next week. Once she is happy with the artwork & printing, she will start creating our projects. We hope to have some pictures for you in our May newsletter (or earlier) & will have class times & pricing all locked in by then. Make sure you are free for the weekend of 24 - 26th October & if you haven't put your name down on our 'expression of interest list' it would be a good time to do so.

What's new -

- In our March newsletter we mentioned a wonderful new collection coming from Asuka Studio called 'Peter's Garden' based on Peter rabbit & friends. We now have some gorgeous 12x12 papers, 6x6 paper pads, a stamp set & some ephemera. The shipment with our 12x12 paper packs was delayed & we expect them to arrive this month



- We are delighted to have this amazing Aussie range from Uniquely Creative. We don't often stock their collections as many of you have subscriptions for their new releases & get them direct. We couldn't resist these fabulous designs. We have 12x12 'Echoes of the Outback' paper packs & creative cuts as well as 'On the farm' ephemera. We hope they have manufactured plenty, but we recommend you get in early for this one as they often sell out of great designs like this.



- Pictured above on the right is a fabulous new set of 3 stencil brushes from Spellbinders. There are plenty of this style of brush on the market that are ridiculously priced. We think this good quality set is all you need for your stencilling needs at a great price & we intend to use them in our classes
- We loved these new 'field of daisies' stencils from Dylusions & have them in 9x12 & 5x8 inch sizes



- Find it trading have released this great new geometric die set and a winter sport stamp set from their Hygee harmony range. We will be creating some samples with the die set & the snow bunnies amongst us will find plenty of uses for the stamps.
- Echo Park continues to release new Winnie the Pooh ranges & we have another this month. So far, we have had 'Winnie the pooh', 'House at Pooh Corner' & 'Winnie the Pooh Christmas'. They are all designed around the same colour palette as is their latest 'Winnie the Pooh Baby'. We have 6x6 paper pads, a few 12x12 papers, 'peek-a-boo' Eeyore washi tape & a stamp set of baby related sentiments in this very cute new range. We have plenty of other coordinating 12x12 papers, stamps & ephemera from previous ranges that will match perfectly with your Pooh project

Classes

Scrap-booking

Vanessa has created some beautiful new layouts are using the Mintay 'Blossom Serenity' collection & has chosen to go with soft pastel lemon & pink backgrounds unlike her bold coloured cards in this collection described below. It's a fabulous example of how different our projects can look using the same paper range & they are both delightful. These gorgeous pages feature flowers, birds, bees & butterfly embellishments along with some pretty pink lace to add texture. There is just one class with availability: -

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

Art Journaling

Meagan is repeating a couple of her amazing layouts this month for students who are new to her classes or those that missed the sessions. In the first class she uses the fabulous '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 is also repeating a popular art journaling layout called 'Home'. In this class you will use the wonderful Lavinia bottle mask stencil sets to create a stencil ghosting background. Then you build a scene using Lavinia stamps, masks & inking techniques. Classes with availability include:-

- **Wednesday 23rd April - 2pm - 5pm - 'Paint your life' art journal page with Meagan \$30**
- **Wednesday 30th April - 10am - 1pm - 'Home' art journal page with Meagan \$30**

Card-making

Tamara has returned from relaxing time away and has only one class with availability this month teaching her wonderful embossing folder techniques. In this class you will learn to emboss with different types of card including 'colorcore' cardstock. You will create a gorgeous card by colouring a stencil/embossing folder combination, then you will use some Distress embossing glaze to create a beautiful glossy pattern & finally you will use an amazing ink technique with a fireworks pattern. Tamara has notes for all these techniques so you can easily repeat them at home.

Vanessa has designed 4 beautiful new cards using the Mintay 'Blossom Serenity' range for April. She has combined some gorgeous bright pink, lime green & yellow embossed cardstock with feminine, floral embellishments including birds, bees & butterflies. Her lovely card designs include an easel, z-fold, gatefold & shaker & really brighten up the room with their vibrant colours.

Chris has completed a new set of 5 cards using the Mintay 'Home sweet home' 8x8 inch paper pad that features mauve, white & sage green modern home designs with lots of great background papers. Mintay have changed their small paper pads from 6x6 to 8x8 inches so these cards will provide some ideas for using this new size. Unlike most of Chris's classes, this class is purely using patterned paper with no inky or messy techniques. Cards include some slimline designs, easel, pinwheel & a large 8x8 card suitable for a group to sign.

On the other hand, Chris has a new set of technique cards using the amazing new Interference Inks by Lisa Horton. In this class you will get your hands dirty when we create 5 cards learning about the very special properties of these two-toned, pearlescent ink pads. You have lots of samples & will receive lots of notes so you can practice techniques at home.

Chris continues teaching her very popular set of 10 cards using the Mintay 'By the lake' 6x6 paper pad in April. 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. All of the sessions listed below are for part 2 but there are many options to do part 1 or 2 of these cards so we will always be able to fit you in somewhere.

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

- Friday 4th April - 9-30am - 12-30pm - Part 2 - 5 Mintay 'By the Lake' cards with Chris \$35
- Saturday 5th April - 10am - 1pm - Part 2 - 5 Mintay 'By the Lake' cards with Chris \$35
- Monday 7th April - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Blossom Serenity' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Saturday 12th April - 2pm - 5pm - 4 Mintay 'Blossom Serenity' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Thursday 24th April - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Blossom Serenity' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Saturday 26th April - 2pm - 5pm - 4 embossing folder technique cards with Tamara \$30
- Sunday 27th April - 11am - 2pm - 5 Mintay 'Home sweet home' cards with Chris \$35
- Monday 28th April - 9-30am - 12-30 pm - 5 Interference ink technique cards with Chris \$35
- Tuesday 29th April - 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 Mintay 'Home sweet home' cards with Chris \$35
- Friday 2nd May - 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 Mintay 'Home sweet home' cards with Chris \$35

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.

Our shop will be open on both Easter Saturday 19th (1-4pm) & Easter Monday 21st April (11am - 3pm) & Anzac Day 25th April (1-5pm). We will be closed on Good Friday 18th April.

Wishing you all a happy & safe Easter break spending time with those you love

Keep smiling & don't go overboard with the Easter Eggs!!



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