

Hi everyone

Chris has just returned from a relaxing holiday in Perth in preparation for a very busy few months. We are very fortunate to have an awesome team of friendly, helpful staff to run the show in her absence. Huge thanks to Tamara, Vanessa, Jenn & Meagan for working extra hours to run classes & the shop.

Thanks to those that have booked your 13@rts workshops for October. Your 50% deposit is due to be paid this week & Chris will be in touch soon to collect payments. Many of you have already paid & that's fabulous thank you. Final payments are not due until 31st August & can be made in person at the shop, over the phone using a credit card or we can send you our bank details for direct credit. We still have a few places on Sunday 26th October from 10am - 1pm to Create Aida's gorgeous "Fantasy Land" watercolour cards - other classes are full. If you need any further information don't hesitate to contact us.

What's new

- Earlier this month we received the fabulous new Uniquely Creative 'Mint & Mistletoe' collection. This is predominantly mint green & red, with typical festive designs including poinsettias & mistletoe, but it also features some gorgeous Aussie characters. It is a "Retailers Exclusive" offer which cannot be purchased direct from Uniquely Creative. We still have stock of the 12x12 Collection pack, 6x8 Card maker's collection Pack, Creative cuts & Card making creative cuts, but they are selling fast. They have sold out of the full Card making kits & we have only one left.



- Lavinia continue releasing wonderful new stamp collections. Goodness knows where they are going to fit, but we are doing our best to find room. The new range is called 'The twilight tea collection' & consists of some gorgeous teapots, beautiful sunflowers, fairy homes, acorns & woodland foliage. All are pictured above. We are very excited that the 7 new elements ink colours have finally been re-stocked. They were released months ago & sold out within 2 days so we missed out. Our order is shipping today so we hope to have them by the end of next week.
- Our first Mintay Christmas paper collection for the year is on the way & we will have it next week. 'Holly Jolly' is a traditional Christmas range in green, red & white featuring wreathes, poinsettias, Santa, elves & some fabulous plaids. We will have the usual 6x8 paper pads, die-cuts, 12x12 fussy cut sheets & 12x12 label sheets. We will have some cards on display very soon
- We are waiting to see more new Christmas paper ranges in different colour schemes. Many of our favourite designers are creating basic green & red collections & whilst many customers like traditional colours, we would love to see something a bit different. Watch this space.
- You may have heard the news that Ranger have released some mini-Distress Oxide ink pads? This was never going to happen according to Tim Holtz, so I am a little sceptical as to how they have made it so. The 72 mini-inks are being released in three instalments of 24 colours throughout the year, but they are only available in 4 packs. Next year they will be releasing individual mini distress oxide inks so we will wait until 2026 to stock them. In our experience 4-packs are not popular.

Classes - we have lots of available places in August as many regular students are wisely on holidays to escape our cold weather! We hope these dates can work for you

Art Journaling

Meagan has 4 amazing classes with availability in August & you can join her if you are quick:-

'Fantasy Land' is a beautiful mixed media page featuring peeled paint effects & 13@rts ephemera. These come together with an acrylic paint, gesso, heat embossed, stamped & stencilled background. Your next layer is added with collaged paper, more gesso & ephemera then finally water colour pencil & sparkly ink

'Teapot sunflower' is Meagan's latest wonderful layout featuring the new Lavinia 'Twilight tea collection' stamps pictured above. This mixed media design starts with a distress ink background then layers of stencilling & stamping to create a forest scene. Your scene is then coloured with distress crayons & highlighted with gelly roll sparkle pens to give a glittery finish

'Book of spells' - In this class you will create a magical mixed media background using Distress Oxide inks & stencilling, then create a layered look with the Lavinia moon mask. The Lavinia scene will then be built up using a combination of direct to page stamping & coloured collage images using distress oxide inks.

Perfect pearls & gelly roll pens are applied to complete the layout

'Hickory Dickory Dock' is a gorgeous page using the new Lavinia 'Dreamatorium' stamps. In this class you create a scene using masking & inking techniques, then use Lavinia Elements inks to create mood through the use of light & dark colours. To finish off you create a twilight night scene embellished with gelly roll glitter pens & pearl drops.

- Sunday 3rd August - 10am - 1pm - 'Fantasy Land' art journal page with Meagan \$30
- Saturday 16th August - 10am - 1pm - 'Teapot Sunflower' art journal page with Meagan \$30
- Wednesday 20th August - 2pm - 5pm 'Book of spells' Art journal page with Meagan \$30
- Wednesday 27th August - 2pm - 5pm 'Hickory Dickory Dock' Art Journal page with Meagan \$30

Card-making

Vanessa has created another gorgeous set of 4 cards using 13@rts **'Fantasy Land'**. These pretty cards are predominantly pastel pinks & greens with flowers, foliage, butterflies & feminine embellishments. This lovely set features many different shapes, pop-ups, shaker & easel cards.

Tamara continues to teach some fabulous techniques & has created 4 wonderful cards using **Ranger Distress oxide ink**. Not only does Tamara teach heaps of great ways to use these inks, but she has created some very interesting card shapes including one with a stunning braided edge. Your inky backgrounds will be enhanced with embossing folders, stencils, die cuts, stamping & heat embossing. These colourful cards are perfect for every occasion.

Chris has plenty of card classes on the go in August & these all have availability: -

One of her latest cards sets are using the **Paper Rose "Teddy Celebrates"** 6x6 paper pad. We love the black, champagne & peach colours, plenty of balloons & fabulous night scenes, but we have chosen not to include any teddies! We make an acetate window card, a concertina label card & techniques include ombre embossing glaze & a fireworks background using pixie powders.

She has also designed some new masculine cards using the 13@rts **'grungy winter'** collection. We use 12x12 papers in this range along with an Andy skinner stamping/blending card, shaker card, a chess stamped/stencilled card, coloured sportscar & a rustic birthday card with hessian

Chris continues teaching her first Christmas cards for the year using the **Paper Rose 'Holiday Fun'** 6x6 inch paper pad. This is a bright red, black & white range is from late 2024 featuring modern trees, Santas, presents, owls & houses. We make a 3d Christmas tree shaped card, an exploding labels card, a blended night sky card, owl easel, textured/embossed Christmas tree card & a jigsaw card with leftovers. She has also created a set of **5 teenage-themed** cards featuring a gaming console, dirt bike with textured/embossed mud, emoji balloons, converse runners shutter card & a bright inky stencilled card.

Chris is still teaching her set of 5 cards using **Mintay 'Antique shop'**. The base colour is deep burgundy & cream with a splash of ice blue. Our cards have a sewing theme with an embossed patchwork card, a stamped antique sewing machine to colour, pillar fold antique shop, mannequin sewing collage words & a slimline card with 3 opening flaps

Chris is also teaching her pretty **13@rts 'Flow with colors'** 6x6 paper pad in August. This range features floral, pastel shades & the cards are predominantly purple. Many of this set are created with stamping techniques including heat embossing, masking, stamp kissing, embossing glaze & colouring. We also create easel, shaker & stencil resist cards. This set of cards are usually done in two sessions of 5 cards. There are usually plenty of options for each session, but if you don't see one that works for you, we shall arrange something. We have a few classes this month that can be either part 1 or part 2 listed below.

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

- Saturday 2nd August 10am - 1pm - 5 teenager style cards with Chris \$35
- Monday 4th August 10am - 1pm - 4 x 13@rts 'Fantasy Land' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Tuesday 5th August 10am - 1pm - 4 x 13@rts 'Fantasy Land' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Thursday 7th August 9-30 - 12-30pm part 1 or 2 - 13@rts 'Flow with colors' cards with Chris \$35
- Saturday 9th August 10am - 1pm - 4 x 13@rts 'Fantasy land' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Tuesday 12th August 9-30am - 12-30 pm - 6 Paper Rose 'Holiday fun' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 14th August 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 x 13@rts 'Grungy winter' cards with Chris \$35
- Sunday 17th August 11am - 2pm - 5 Mintay 'Antique shop' cards with Chris \$35
- Wednesday 20th August 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 x 13@rts 'Grungy winter' cards with Chris \$35
- Friday 22nd August 10am - 1pm - Part 1 or 2 - 5 'Flow with colors' cards with Chris \$35
- Saturday 23rd August 2pm - 5pm - 4 Distress oxide ink technique cards with Tamara \$30
- Tuesday 26th August 9-30am - 12-30pm part 1 - 13@rts 'Flow with colors' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 28th August 10am - 1pm - 4 x 13@rts 'Fantasy Land' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Friday 29th August 10am - 1pm - 6 Paper Rose 'Holiday fun' cards with Chris \$35
- Sunday 31st August 10-30am - 1-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Teddy celebrates' cards with Chris \$35

Scrapbooking

Vanessa is creating some new layouts for August/September using the beautiful **13@rts 'Fantasy Land'** 12x12 papers. There is no availability for classes in August, but more dates will be available soon.

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.

We have purchased a "Handmade cards for seniors" stamp for the shop as pictured. If you would like to stamp your cards prior to donating, you can use our stamp. Thanks to all of you that have donated your magnificent cards. So many seniors will have lots of smiles receiving these.

Keep smiling



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