

Hi everyone

What a busy month we have had!! On Thursday we took Aida from 13@rts to the airport to return to Poland after 8 wonderful days of creativity & laughter. Whilst we had an amazing time with her, it's going to be great to return to our regular chaotic routines.

We've had plenty of positive feedback on our crafty weekend. It was wonderful for us to have so many happy ladies creating magnificent projects with Aida. Lots of fabulous techniques, textures & new ideas to fill our creative cups. Thanks to all of you that joined in the fun & supported our businesses. Thanks to our amazing & hard-working team for making things run so smoothly. We couldn't have done it without Jenn, Tamara & Vanessa as well as some great support from family & friends. We have just placed a big 13@rts order & we will also have some information about canvas kits & a video workshop for early next year. There will be a separate 13@rts newsletter coming when everything has arrived in about a fortnight. In the meantime, we have plenty more to do prior to the end of the year & have had lots of great new products & classes to tell you about

What's new

- As mentioned in our October newsletter our 'My Sweet Petunia' glue presses have arrived & we have one at the shop for you to try. They definitely make gluing much easier & can be refilled with your favourite PVA-style glue when the initial bottle runs out. The pack includes two nozzle sizes for regular & intricate projects. We also have some replacement bottles sold separately



- Our new supplier Katy Sue have created the original banner sentiments from years ago. We have the wavy birthday banners & thinking of you banners in stock as pictured above. Both packs include 4 sheets of die cut, foiled sentiments. The birthday set are black, white, gold & silver whilst the 'thinking of you' set have some white & some lovely pastel colours - all are foiled.
- Also new from Kay Sue are these adorable Christmas Puppy decoupage sheets. Included in the pack are 8 sheets of festive pooches to make amazing Christmas cards for dog-lovers everywhere. 4 sheets are pre-cut for paper tole & 4 sheets are doggy toppers to enhance your favourite Christmas backgrounds.
- As promised in our October newsletter, we have the remaining 4 stamps in Andy Skinner's latest release pictured below. We also have some of the Cosmic shimmer white chalk paint he uses in some of his you-tube videos



- We love our Spellbinder 5.5 X 8.5 inch 3D embossing folders & one of their latest is sure to be a hit. It is a simple linen pattern pictured above & will suit all occasions & will create a fabulous layer/background for slimline, 6x6 square & 5x7 cards

- Mintay released a gorgeous new collection a few weeks ago called 'Rust & Rose' pictured below. It features two colours that we don't normally see together highlighting florals, leaves & forest elements. We have our usual favourite 8x8 pads, die cuts, 12 labels sheet & fussy cut sheets.
- We have some of the new Lavinia 8x8 snowflake stencils featuring beautiful, delicate snowflakes in different sizes. The large size stencil is perfect for lots of different projects. We also have some of the gorgeous Lavinia snowflake transparent stickers. Last week they released some more new stamps & washi tape. We have all of the new stamps coming early next week, but in true Lavinia style the washi tape sold out within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour & it was all gone before we completed our order!! We hope they will have more soon



- We are thrilled to have received our first order from Darkroom Door UK. We needed plenty of top-ups as our favourite supplies were getting low. We also wanted to add another couple of Rachel's amazing designs now they are available to us again. The 'Lots of labels' & 'Tags' sets pictured above are the perfect addition to our range for many projects - especially journalling
- We have Couture Creations 10 pack of mini black & white calendars in stock. We also have more of the slightly larger, pastel mini calendars from Uniquely Creative on their way next week.

Classes - Card-making

Vanessa has designed 4 delightful cards using the new Mintay 'Pastel Christmas' fussy cut sheet. Unfortunately, they didn't release matching papers or ephemera in this range, but Vanessa has paired it with some beautiful soft pinks & blues, glitter paper & embossed card. This set includes an easel shaker, z-fold, gatefold with belly band & a fabulous centre step card using the new Uniquely Creative die set.

Vanessa is also designing some fabulous cards using the Uniquely Creative Aussie Christmas die cuts. They feature Santa playing cricket, footy, surfing, Australian animals with Santa hats & gum leaves. There is no fussy cutting required in this class as each student receives a packet of die cut shapes. Cost is \$35

Chris is in the process of designing a new set of cards with a matching bag using the gorgeous 13@rts 'Fantasy Land' 6x6 paper pad. We were hoping these would be complete by now, but there's been a bit on!! They will definitely be finished & on display mid-November & classes will be happening through to the end of the year & into next year. A bag of cards is a fabulous gift & this set features lovely cards in pink & green floral tones & lots of techniques. This can be an all-day class or it can be done in two sessions.

Chris has created another set of 6 Christmas cards using the Paper Rose 'Holy night' 6x6 paper pad for those who like to have some traditional religious cards. This set includes 2 Lavinia sticky-mask technique cards, a star shaker, slimline 6 flap card & a couple of nativity scene cards. We use some Echo Park & Lavinia stamps to bring the Christmas cards to life

She continues to teach her 10 card Christmas set using the 8x8 Mintay 'Holly Jolly' paper pad. Most of these are using patterned paper & card shapes including a pinwheel, tri-coloured shaker, bay window, shutter, easel & Christmas tree shaped card. We also create some textured backgrounds with mica spray, stencils & embossing folders. This class can be done in one day or over 2 sessions.

Chris is also teaching her 5 Christmas card set with some **Graphic 45** 'Deck the Halls' 12x12 papers. We have chosen to accentuate the blue in most of the cards & have created some backgrounds with mica spray/pixie powder, texture paste/embossing glaze & a festive scene in a masked jar. The dimensional cards in this set are a gatefold & concertina label.

Tamara has had her knee surgery & is recovering well. We're looking forward to some amazing new creations when she returns in December & beyond

Many of our classes are fully booked with regular students & not advertised in our newsletter. Only classes with availability in November are listed below:

- Tuesday 4th November 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay pastel Christmas cards with Vanessa \$30
- Saturday 8th November 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay pastel Christmas cards with Vanessa \$30
- Tuesday 11th November 9-30 - 12-30 - 5 Graphic 45 'Deck the Halls' cards with Chris \$35
- Sunday 16th November - 10am - 4pm - 10 Mintay 'Holly Jolly' cards with Chris \$68
- Thursday 27th November - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay pastel Christmas cards with Vanessa \$30
- Friday 28th November - 10am-1pm - new 13@rts 'Downunder' cards with Chris (yet to be made) \$35
- Saturday 29th November - 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Holy Night' Christmas cards \$35
- Sunday 30th November - 10am - 4pm - 13@rts 'Fantasy land' Bag of 9 cards with Chris \$68
- Monday 1st December - 10am - 1pm - 4 Uniquely Creative Aussie Christmas cards with Vanessa \$35
- Tuesday 2nd December - 10am-1pm - 4 Uniquely Creative Aussie Christmas cards with Vanessa \$35

Art Journaling

Meagan has a new layout for November called 'Halloween Hollow'. In this class you work on a black background to create a Halloween scene. She will demonstrate how to build a background using a stencil technique with Tim Holtz Distress Spritz, white stamping & embossing. Then you will add some collaged patterned paper & finish off with some shading effects

- **Saturday 15th November 10am - 1pm 'Halloween Hollow' art journaling class with Meagan \$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.

The **Handmade cards for Seniors** Christmas cards window is almost closed. If you have Christmas cards to donate, please get them to us next week so we can pass them on. Some other types of cards can be used all year round, but Christmas cards will not be accepted after 14th November.

Shop-lifters beware! We are very disappointed to have recently had a few incidences of shop lifting. After having a staff meeting we have decided that we will need to be doing random bag checks of customers prior to them leaving the shop. We hope this will only deter the offenders & not the innocent shoppers, but we need to stamp it out. Please do not be offended if we ask to check your bags.

Our shop will be open on Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th November (Melbourne Cup public holiday) for the usual times between 11am & 3pm. We often open on public holidays to give busy people more opportunity to visit.

Keep smiling

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