

Happy New Year everyone!

We've had a relaxing & enjoyable Christmas break & are back at the shop this week watching cricket & tennis galore as we prepare to re-open on Wednesday 7th January. Classes will not resume until Sunday 11th January so we're having a 4-day New Year sale prior to that. **All full-priced Christmas products will be discounted by 25% during the sale & there are some other great bargains.**

We've done a thorough stocktake & top-up of our paper ranges & have added plenty to our discounted boxes. We know that none of you NEED more patterned paper, but we have some wonderful specials of beautiful quality papers from 13@rts, Mintay, Graphic45 & Pion Design. We found more delightful papers from Pion design & many of these have been reduced to 50 cents per sheet particularly the quartered papers with 4 matching 6x6 designs on each sheet as pictured below. We've reduced all Pion 6-sheet paper packs to \$2.50 each too.



Along with plenty of new \$5 discontinued paper packs, we've also added some reduced 12x12 paper packs from Echo Park, Uniquely Creative & Kaisercraft for the scrapbookers among us. Discounted papers are perfect for group projects, card-making with the kids/grandkids or journaling projects where it's great to have papers with different designs & co-ordinating colours. Once these papers are sold there will be no more as they are all discontinued.

What's new

Most of our suppliers are closed for their New Year holidays so there is very little new stock to tell you about yet. As mentioned in our December newsletter, we now have good stock of all 30 Lavinia Elements re-inkers & we have no idea where we are going to store them! These have been a long time coming & we are thrilled to be able to reink our favourite pads & add to colour to other mediums too.

We have a few of each of the gorgeous new Lavinia washi-tapes too. These 35mm x 10m tapes were released last year & sold out within minutes. They feature 2 lovely leafy patterns as well as books with & without cheeky mice. All are pictured below



Classes for 2026

Tamara has recovered so well from her left knee surgery, she is booked to have her right knee replaced in a couple of weeks. Chris will be teaching Tamara's regular classes in January & February & Tamara will be returning in either March or April - depending on her recovery. We hope her second surgery is just as successful as her first & really look forward to seeing her back on deck soon

Vanessa is taking a well-earned summer break & will have some wonderful new card & scrapbooking designs when she returns in late January. Her first class for the year will be Wednesday 28th January.

With so many students wanting to join our classes we've had a bit of a timetable re-jig & have a few new options for 2026. The following dates are for regular monthly classes & if you like the sound of any, we suggest you contact us immediately as some classes only have one vacant position. These won't be listed in future newsletters unless random places become available on a month-to-month basis. We are teaching 7 days most weeks & many of our regular classes are fully booked. We only advertise casual availability for them in our monthly newsletters. January availability is further down, but regular available classes for 2026 are: -

- 1st Monday of the month from 10am - 1pm - card-making with Vanessa commencing 2nd February
- 1st Tuesday of the month 10am - 1pm - card-making with Vanessa commencing 3rd February
- 1st Thursday of the month from 9-30am - 12-30pm - card-making with Chris commencing 5th Feb
- 1st Friday of the month from 9-30am - 12-30pm - card-making with Chris commencing 6th Feb
- 1st Saturday of the month from 10am - 1pm - card-making with Chris commencing 7th February
- 2nd Friday of the month 10am - 1pm - scrapbooking with Vanessa commencing 13th February
- 2nd Friday of the month 2pm - 5pm - card-making with Chris commencing 13th February
- 2nd Saturday of the month from 10am-1pm - card-making with Vanessa commencing 14th Feb
- 2nd Sunday of the month from 10am - 1pm - card-making with Chris commencing 8th February
- 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9-30am-12-30pm - card-making with Chris commencing 18th Feb
- 3rd Thursday of the month 10am - 1pm - card-making with Chris/Tamara commencing 19th Feb
- 4th Saturday of the month 2pm - 5pm - card-making with Chris/Tamara commencing 24th January

Card-making

Chris has been busy over the Christmas break & has a few new card-making classes for 2026.

Her latest project is using the 'Lakeside Memories' range from Paper Rose. This set of cards feature earthy colours & relaxing, lakeside themes like fishing, sunsets, ducks & water lilies. We create a multi-coloured background with 13@rts color glows & mixed media paste, a gilding flakes background & some interesting, shaped cards to enhance these lovely papers

She will also be teaching her set of 6 cards using the 13@rts 'Downunder' A6 paper pad. Most of these cards have an Australian theme & we use lots of different techniques including gilding flakes, perfect pearls, Andy Skinner masked stamping & some water-colouring. There are also two very simple cards following the Aussie theme.

As promised, Chris will be teaching more of her 13@rts 'Fantasy Land' set of 9 cards with a matching bag using 6x6 paper pad. 'Fantasy land' is a beautiful range of papers featuring green & pink tones & whilst many of the cards have feminine themes, we have managed to squeeze in a few that are not too pretty. Techniques used for this lovely set include mica spray, water colouring, gel press background & some layered distress stamping. We also create some different shapes including a two-pocket card, concertina window & an ombre window card. We decorate our bag using stencilled texture paste, color glow spritz & acrylic ink. This class can be done in one day session or split into two. Both options are listed below.

Card-making classes with availability in January/February: -

- Tuesday 13th January - 9-30am-12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 15th January 9-30am-12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' cards with Chris \$35
- Wednesday 21st January 9-30am-12-30pm - 6 x 13@rts 'Downunder' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 22nd January 10am - 4pm - 13@rts 'Fantasy Land' 9 cards & bag with Chris \$68
- Saturday 24th January 2pm - 5pm - 6 x 13@rts 'Downunder' cards with Chris \$35
- Tuesday 27th January - 9-30am-12-30 - part one 13@rts 'Fantasy Land' cards & bag with Chris \$35
- Monday 2nd February - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Rust & Rose' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Tuesday 3rd February - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Rust & Rose' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Thursday 5th February - 9-30am-12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' cards with Chris \$35

Scrapbooking

Vanessa has a new scrapbooking class for 2026 & in this class she will be teaching a combination of some old favourites & some newer designs too. She'll be creating her 'Places we go' travel layouts next month & this new class is already almost full so be quick if you'd like to join in on the second Friday of the month. The first class for this group will be:-

- Friday 13th February 10am - 1pm - 'Places we go' layouts with Vanessa cost \$30

Art Journaling

Meagan is now only teaching art journaling 2 days each month. In January her classes are fully booked. If you are interested in being on a waiting list, please contact us. Meagan's regular days are :-

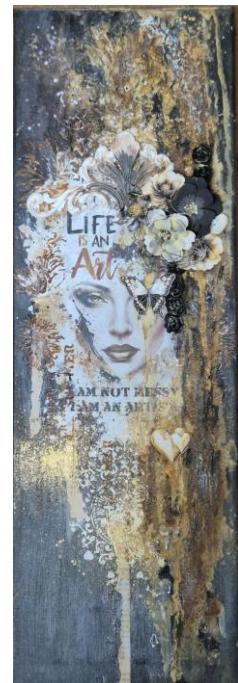
- 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9-30 - 12-30 OR
- 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am - 1pm

13@rts 'Life is art' black canvas workshops

When Aida from 13@rts was here in October she brought along this gorgeous black canvas project. Many of you were very interested in joining us for a workshop to create this lovely piece. The good news is that kits are ready to ship & we are taking bookings. Chris will be teaching the class at the shop in small groups of 6 rather than at a bigger venue as we discussed

- Cost of the workshop is \$130 & we have allowed 4 hours to complete the project. We will require a \$65 deposit once dates are finalised

We will be setting aside workshop days throughout February, March & beyond. Sundays will be our preferred day as the shop is not open & we can work without interruption. We can also work in some weekdays if need be. There are likely to be several workshops so we will arrange days to suit everyone. Let us know if you'd like to join us, your preferred day & we'll go from there. Once we have set dates & numbers, we will organise deposits & order kits



Thanks to all who have been donating your paper shopping bags. We have done a stocktake on our bags & are ready to take donations again if you have any. We would prefer only larger bags that fit a 12x12 sheet of paper as we have plenty of smaller bags. We appreciate you helping us to reuse rather than throw out.

After enjoying a relaxing break this year, we've decided the shop will be open on Monday 26th January (Australia Day public holiday) from 11am - 3pm

Keep smiling



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