

Hi everyone

Real Melbourne summer is finally here after a very slow intro! We hope that you have all managed to stay cool & avoid any damage or disaster. We only had one power outage this week & the generator performed beautifully to ensure that the tennis could be watched, phones charged & the fridges stayed cold. We spoke to our main USA supplier in Michigan this week & they have just had 18 inches of snow. This is totally unheard of in their area so there was not much infrastructure to clear the roads etc. Many of their suppliers have been unable to ship stock to them, so there will be some delays with our USA orders. Plenty to tell you about this month so you need to sit down with a cuppa or a wine to digest it all.

What's new - So many new things have arrived in the last few weeks. You will certainly need to zoom in on the photos for clarity as there are so many!!

- Uniquely Creative have a beautiful new release called 'Bohemian Escape'. Vanessa is creating some scrapbook pages & cards using the 'fussy cut' sheets. The range features relaxing, summery images in gorgeous neutral tones. We love supporting this fabulous Australian business, but we don't tend to stock a lot of their paper products because many of our customers have monthly subscriptions & get the new collections in kit form. We have purchased a small supply of 12x12 & 6x6 paper pads, die cuts & vellum die cuts. We also have good stock of their new rub-ons, gold foiled brick & damask acetate & some great new dies including this lovely decorative topper pictured below



- We are very pleased to report that Couture Creations have released a new Sticker folder. We have been attempting to purchase these for many years without any success & have had numerous customer enquiries, as they are the best way to store sentiment sticker sheets. They have also re-stocked their wide 'die cut n bond' tape roll which is 120mm (4 3/4 inches) wide x 25 metres long. Their new stamp pressing tools are great to apply even pressure when using your stamp platform.
- We have a new account with 'Dress my craft' & our first shipment has just arrived. They have many great products to choose from, but our favourite is their 12-inch paper trimmer/scorer that we have been using for a couple of years. We have plenty of stock of these along with both scoring & cutting blades to fit. We have also purchased some new dies as pictured below including some mini scalloped stitched ovals, gorgeous lace oval frame, vintage keys, small dragon fly set, upper & lower-case alphabets, 'click me' photo set & some lovely, pointed daisies. These are great quality well-priced dies & we will be using them in our new projects



- For those of you that have a large range (or even a full set) of distress or distress oxide inks or sprays, Ranger have released some coloured, sticky labels. Each set features all 72 colours in large for your bigger pads & small for mini pads. These are very handy if you stack your ink pads in the Ranger tins. You simply place the sticker on the edge of the pad casing to read your colours without removing them

- A few weeks ago, we purchased some Katy Sue shaped card sets to try & they have been selling like hot cakes!! There is a white picket fence design & a two-step rocker card pictured above. Both packs have 12 white cards & envelopes. They are a quick & easy way to create a lovely dimensional card. Our fence packs will be re-stocked later this week. We still have a few rocker sets.
- Mintay had some fabulous new releases this week & we have lots of them here. 'Man Cave' is a great masculine range featuring music, sport & tools in teal & brown tones suitable for all ages. 'Lady's Secret' is a modernised version of a very early range called 'Lady'. It features feminine images in deep Green & pink tones. We didn't have room to add photo of everything, but some are pictured below. We have the usual favourites in stock including 8x8 paper pads, ephemera packs, 12 x12 fussy cut sheets & 12x12 label sheets in both ranges

We also love their new collections of "Art Journal essentials" & this month we have some 6x8 pads in 'Tender feelings', 'Magic Colors' & 'Teal Dream' along with some wonderful dictionary word stickers for your journaling projects. All of these are pictured below



- Andy Skinner has released 6 amazing new stamps call the 'imagination' collection. Ours have landed in Melbourne so they should be here by the end of the week. Andy is doing a launch video tonight (UK time) so I'm sure it will be available on you-tube from tomorrow

Classes

Art Journaling

Meagan has a couple of classes with availability this month creating her newest page called 'Memories'. In this class you make a multi-layered mixed media background on 13@rts watercolour paper. You create layers with collage tissue, texture paste, watercolour paints & acrylic liquid medium. Your layout is completed with lovely, collaged images from the 13@rts 'Rose in Love' collection. Class dates are:-

- Wednesday 11th February - 9-30 - 12-30 OR
- Saturday 21st February - 10am - 1pm - cost is \$30 for either class

Card-making

Tamara's second knee replacement surgery went very well & she is home from rehab commencing her recovery program. Chris will be teaching some of Tamara's regular classes in February/March & Tamara will be returning in April. Please check with Chris if you are unsure about Tamara's regular class dates.

Vanessa is back on deck this week after a relaxing summer break. She has a gorgeous new scrapbook layout & card set on display using the **Mintay 'Rust & Rose'** collection. Her 4 fabulous cards feature burgundy, pink & autumnal tones with beautiful leafy & embossed embellishments. She has created some great dimensional cards including a side stepper, gatefold with matching band & a new double step-rocker card & they are suitable for all occasions.

As mentioned above, she is also creating some beautiful new cards for late February & March from the **Uniquely Creative 'Bohemian Escape'** range. They will be on display soon & there will be more dates in our March newsletter

Chris has created a bright new 5 card set this week using **Paper Rose 'Rainbow village'**. This complements their existing rainbow collections with its gorgeous colour palette & features lots of new images including some cheeky birds that will feature in this card set. She has created 4 bright backgrounds using alcohol ink, Distress spritz, Distress oxides & Lisa Horton Interference inks to enhance these images. We also create a 4-sided pinwheel

Her Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' cards are still on this timetable for February. 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

Chris is repeating some masculine cards using the 13@rts 'grungy winter' collection this month. 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 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 February: -

- Friday 6th February - 10am - 1pm - part 2 -13@rts 'Fantasy Land' 4 cards & bag with Chris \$35
- Saturday 7th February 10am - 4pm - 13@rts 'Fantasy Land' 9 cards & bag with Chris \$68
- Tuesday 10th February 9-30 - 12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35
- Friday 13th February 2pm - 5pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' cards with Chris \$35
- Saturday 14th February 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Rust & Rose' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Monday 16th February 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35
- Tuesday 17th February 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 13@rts 'Grungy Winter' cards with Chris \$35
- Wednesday 18th Feb - 9-30am-12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 19th February - 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35
- Friday 20th February - 10am - 1pm - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Rust & Rose' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Monday 23rd February - 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35
- Thurs 26th February - 10am-1pm - 4 Uniquely Creative 'Bohemian Escape' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Saturday 28th Febrary - 2pm - 5pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35

Scrapbooking

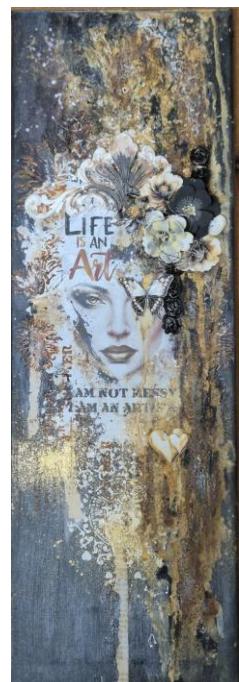
Vanessa has a new scrapbooking class for 2026 & she'll be creating her Mintay 'Places we go' travel layouts this month. Her Wednesday class is booked out with regular students & her new Friday class has one place this month. If you'd like to join in let us know as soon as you can:-

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

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. We have many students on our list for class & will continue taking names throughout the year. We will be setting aside workshop days throughout March & beyond. If you would prefer to attend the class later in the year this can be arranged too. Sundays will be our preferred day as the shop is not open & we can work without interruption. We will also work in some weekdays if that is your preference. There will 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

- 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



That's more than enough from us for a busy February!

Keep smiling



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