

Hi everyone

Many of us were complaining last year how quickly the year had passed! Well, it's already March & things don't seem to be slowing down in 2026. We hope that February has been a good opportunity to return to your routines & get things done. Possibly even catch up on some unfinished craft projects or not!!

What's new

- 'Ultraviolet delight' is the March release from Uniquely creative. This gorgeous purple collection features butterflies, birds & floral embellishments along with some lovely gingham backgrounds. As mentioned previously, we only order a small amount of Uniquely Creative paper products because many of you have a monthly subscription to this great Australian company. If you like the look of the 6x6 or 12x12 inch paper pads, die cuts, vellum die cuts or gingham you need to get in quickly



- Our Andy Skinner 'imagination' stamps have arrived & are proving to be very popular. This collection of 6 high quality rubber stamps has some fabulous quirky designs & some gorgeous sentiments to match are pictured above



- Last month we purchased three of the new Mintay 6x8 inch "Art Journal essentials" paper pads. They were so popular we have purchased the remaining 2 designs in this range (giving us all 5) along with 3 ephemera packs to match. New Purple & blue pads & ephemera are pictured above.
- We also have a mystical new collection from Lavinia called 'Kindred Spirits'. These 12 lovely stamps include Oscar the gorgeous tortoise, Eira the fairy traveller, a great set of 3 magpies (to suit some football fanatics) along with some fabulous new pods, verses & foliage. All are pictured below



- Cosmic Shimmer have an amazing new colour of gilding flakes called Cherry flame pictured above. It's so bright & different to their usual metallic colour combinations. We love it.
- We've just got some of the mini plastic palettes that Aida was using last year. They are not expensive & can be washed between projects if you choose. We have them in packs of 10

- Wink of Stella clear brush pens are back. We were stocking the Uniquely Creative brand as a cheaper Australian alternative, but they have also been unavailable for a while
- We're super excited to receive the two new ranges from 13@rts. Unfortunately for us Aida's international promotion has been a huge success & she is flat out packing heaps of local European orders. Of course that is great news & we are thrilled with her success after all the work she puts in. Our order should arrive mid-March & I can't wait to do swatches on the 5 new 'color glow' powders & 2 new mini-water colour tins. The paper collections look amazing too so there is plenty to look forward to. Photos will be on Facebook & in the April newsletter when they arrive
- Tim Holtz Distress Markers from Ranger have been discontinued from the Ranger family. These pens contain water-based Distress ink & ours are now on sale for \$3 each. We currently have all 72 colours, but this won't last long as they are half price. The markers have two tips, making them ideal for a wide range of colouring techniques. The thin tip can be used to write or draw lines and the thicker tip can be used for inking, colouring and drawing on stamps. The ink has the same properties as Distress Ink stamp pads & just like other Distress products, the ink from the marker reacts with water. Before long these won't be around so if you need some to add to your collection, now is a good time to grab them

Classes

Art Journaling

Meagan has a couple of classes with availability this month creating her newest page called 'When life throws you troubles, blow bubbles'. This lovely sentiment comes from an Andy Skinner stamp set which is the centrepiece to this beautiful layout. In this class you start with patterned paper & build a base with gesso, collage, stamping & stencilling techniques. Then add texture paste, watercolour & 13@rts 'color glow' powders to build dimension & colour. Finally, you colour the stamped image with watercolours. Class dates for this layout are:-

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

Scrapbooking

Vanessa has a rare place in each of her scrapbooking classes for March. Her Friday class features the beautiful Mintay 'Rust & Rose' collection & she has made some gorgeous layouts with pinks, burgundy & kraft embellished with lots of flowers, leaves & Autumnal themes

She is currently creating new layouts for her Wednesday class using the new Mintay 'Man Cave' range & these will be on display soon. If you'd like to join in to either of these, let us know as soon as you can

- Friday 13th March 10am - 1pm - Mintay 'Rust & Rose' layouts with Vanessa cost \$30
- Wednesday 25th March - 10am - 1pm - Mintay 'Man Cave' layouts with Vanessa \$30

Card-making

Vanessa has created some beautiful new cards for March from the **Uniquely Creative 'Bohemian Escape'** range. Her four cards feature lovely elements including butterflies, feathers & florals in neutral soft greens, browns & pale pink with a touch of rose gold. Many have gorgeous arches using the Uniquely Creative stitched arches die set including a fabulous shaker arch card.

Keep an eye out for her new Mintay 'Man Cave' cards that will be part of her April timetable.

Tamara will be back on deck very soon & we're very pleased to hear that her recovery has gone so well. She will be teaching a new masculine card class using the Mintay 'Man cave' labels sheet with some great techniques in late March & April. Cards will be on display soon.

Chris is continuing her February cards during March due to popular demand.

She has designed 5 bright **Paper Rose 'Rainbow village'** bird cards. In this class we create cards with different backgrounds using alcohol ink, Distress spritz, Distress oxides & Lisa Horton Interference inks to enhance these fabulous bird images. We also create a 4-sided pinwheel card

Chris's Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' 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 coordinate with these lovely papers.

Chris will have some new designs for April after our new 13@rts collections arrive

Card-making classes with availability in March: -

- Thursday 5th March - 9-30 - 12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35
- Friday 6th March - 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' cards with Chris \$35
- Saturday 7th March 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35
- Sunday 8th March - 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 12th March - 9-30 - 12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35
- Friday 13th March 2pm - 5pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' cards with Chris \$35
- Saturday 14th March 10am-1pm - 4 Uniquely Creative 'Bohemian Escape' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Wednesday 18th March - 9-30am-12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 19th March - 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' cards with Chris \$35
- Friday 20th March - 10am-1pm - 4 Uniquely Creative 'Bohemian Escape' cards - with Vanessa \$30
- Monday 23rd March - 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35
- Tuesday 31st March - 10am - 1pm - Mintay 'Man Cave' technique cards with Tamara \$30

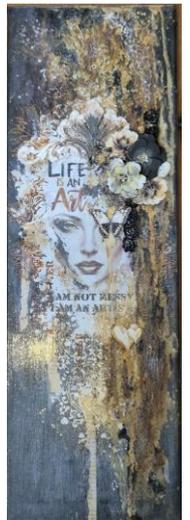
13@rts 'Life is art' black canvas workshops

We have received our first shipment of kits for this stunning canvas & more are on the way. Chris is about to watch the tutorial video numerous times & make copious amounts of notes prior to classes commencing.

The great news is that Aida has given us a special price so the class will now cost \$115 rather than the \$130 we quoted initially.

Chris will be in touch over the next couple of weeks to lock in some dates. Nobody will miss out as this class will continue throughout the year until we've found a date for everyone

- **Cost of the workshop is \$115 & we have allowed 4 hours to complete the project. We will require a \$60 deposit once dates are finalised**



The shop will be open as normal from 11am -3pm on Monday 9th March for the Labor Day public holiday.

We will be closed on Good Friday 3rd April, but open as usual on Easter Saturday & Easter Monday for our regular hours.

Keep smiling



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