

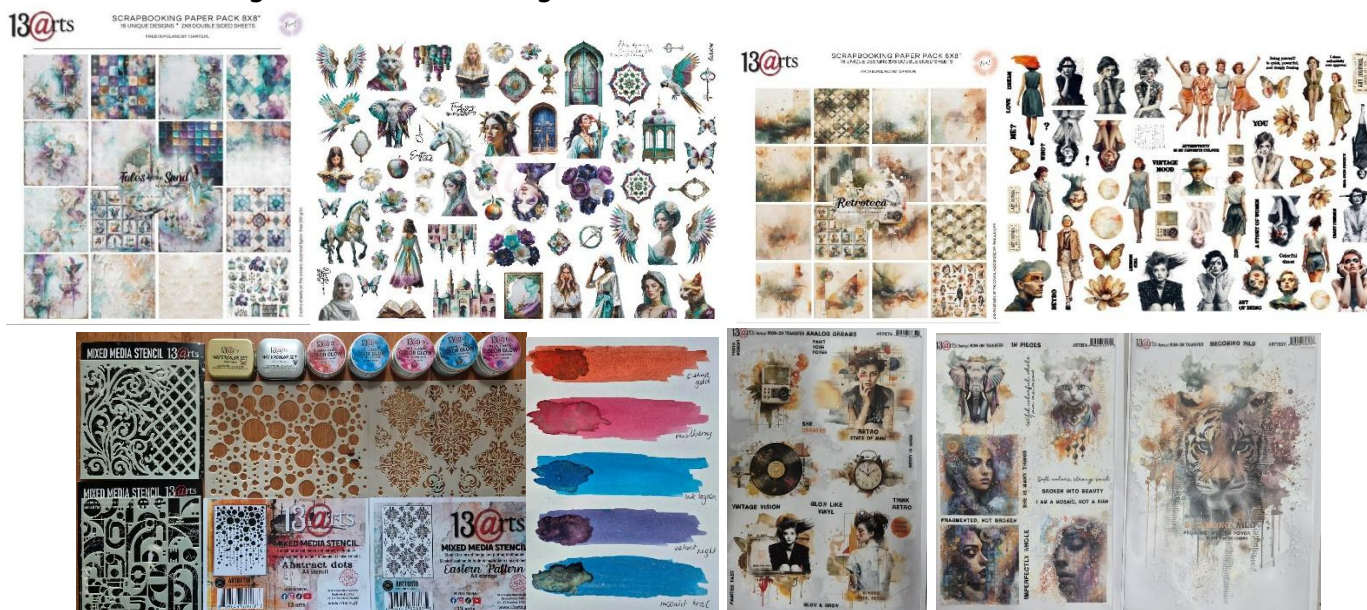
Hi everyone

Chris has just returned from a short getaway in Perth with her family. Cyclone Narelle did not provide ideal conditions for the Richmond vs Freemantle match at Optus Oval, but she had a lovely, relaxing break. Thanks to Jenn for holding the fort for 3 days at the shop & thanks to Tamara for teaching on Tuesday. It was great to be able to take a break & know that the shop was in good hands

We had a near miss in the carpark last week that we need to bring to your attention. Many of you know that the driveway to the shop is shared. We have painted 'no parking' signs & ask that you do not park there. If you are waiting for teachers to arrive, we prefer you to wait in the street until the gates are open. If you chose to open the gates, please be sure to latch them on the hook & into the brick provided or they will swing in the breeze & could cause disastrous consequences. Please park your cars against the fence as close as you can to each other to allow plenty of room for others

What's new

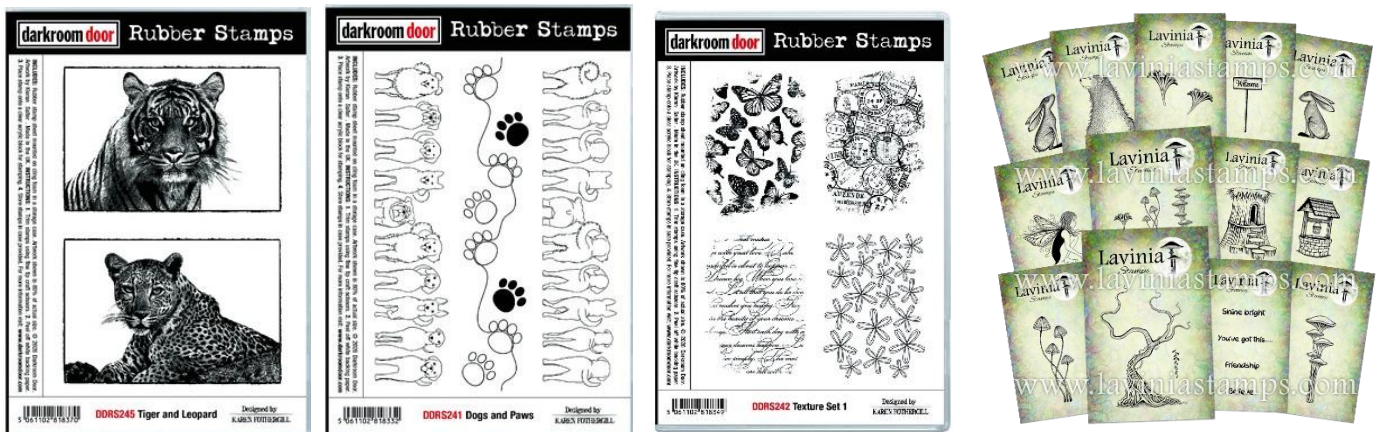
- Our two new ranges from 13@rts have arrived & they are wonderful. Aida had designed these fabulous collections that each have their own special charm & so many matching components. 'Tales of the Sand' features gorgeous Persian inspired images including florals, flourishes & on a palette of purple, teal & gold. Retroteca is a collection of grungy retro images in brown, rust & sepia tones & is perfect for junk journaling or grungy card-making. Aida has gone with the trend of 8x8 paper pads rather than 6x6 along with the regular 12x12 packs. We also have the usual die cut packs, 6x6 stencils, fabulous new A4 stencils & some great new iron on transfers. She has added 5 amazing new colorglow colours as well as a small water colour sets to match each of the ranges. Chris has designed some cards using 'Tales of the sand' & details are below



- Versafine Clair have 6 gorgeous new coloured ink pads & ours are on the way along with re-inkers. We have a new distributor so we will be able to offer them at a much cheaper price than those we have been receiving from the USA. We hope to have them in a few weeks
- Couture Creations have released some fabulous new card & paper. We have 10 great new colours of textured, shimmer card & some wonderful non-shedding glitter paper in a further 10 new colours. These are great value at just over half the regular price for shimmer & glitter card/paper
- Katy Sue is a new brand for us over the last 12 months & we love their various sentiment banner packs & their great shaped card packs. We have had the fence & circle rocker card sets for a while with 12 pre-cut white cards & envelopes in a pack. Our favourite addition to our shaped card range is the box card sets. These feature a pre-cut box card to decorate with two pop-up sections that allow you to add lots of dimensional embellishments. Another new product from Katy Sue is the clear sentiment stickers. This pack includes 72 clear birthday sentiment stickers (two of each 36 designs) that are easily stuck to your favourite card on patterned paper



- Another new supplier for us is Jamie Rodgers. He has purchased some of the Creative Expressions & Woodware products & is expanding these ranges along with some of his own collections. This month we love the huge plain circle & scallop edge/pierced square die sets. These are the largest die sets available being up to 8 inches in diameter for machines with an A4 cutting plate. We also loved their cute baby border dies & the 'sports' clear stamp set. All are pictured above
- We were thrilled to receive some new release stamps from Darkroom Door. The fabulous Australian brand has moved to England, but they are still producing most of the older DRD rubber stamps & now have some great new designs of their own. We love their new stamp sets that incorporate full sets of new stamps in one package which is great value. If you just like one or two from the sets, they are available individually too. Our favourites for April include the wonderful tiger/leopard, dogs & paws & 4 fabulous background stamps. We have several of these sets & also have some singles in each of the 3 dog & 4 background sets along with the tiger stamps. We will be placing another order soon as we have had plenty of requests after the range was released



- Just before sending this email our Lavinia stamps 'Meadowbrook Tales' order arrived. This collection features some beautiful new foliage, trees, 2 lovely new rabbits & a gorgeous bear. They are pictured above & we have the whole collection here
- We still have a small range of the Tim Holtz Distress markers for the reduced price of \$3 each. The loss of this discontinued range has made room for more pens & markers so we now have a good range of individual Sakura Gelly Roll 'Moondust', 'Metallics & the hard to get 'Sparkle' ranges. Moondust & Metallics look equally amazing on black or white & we have created our own colour charts so you can see exactly what they look like on both.

Classes

Art Journaling

Meagan has a couple of classes with availability this month creating her newest page called 'Meditation'. In this class students create a layered gelly printed background using Tim Holtz Distress Spritz & Lavinia Elements ink. The next layer is created using stamping & colouring with Tim Holtz water colour pencils. The page is completed with collage elements from Paper Rose 'rainbow village' papers, Andy skinner & Lavinia stamps. Class dates for this layout are:-

- Wednesday 8th April - 9-30 - 12-30 OR
- Saturday 18th April - 10am - 1pm - cost is \$30 for either class

Scrapbooking - Vanessa's scrapbooking classes are booked out for April

Card-making

Vanessa has created some fabulous new cards using The Mintay 'Man Cave' collection featuring teal, brown & grey. Her 4 great cards include a fence shape, easel, z-fold & window card. She has decorated them with some awesome embellishments from barbeques to boxing gloves. This is a perfect set for the active people in your life who like to hang out in their 'man caves'

It's wonderful to have **Tamara** back on deck with some great new technique cards creating backgrounds with distress oxide inks, stencils, die cuts & embossed card. You will not only create some backgrounds, but you will incorporate them into some terrific, shaped cards. The finishing touch for these predominantly blue cards is to decorate them with some Mintay 'Man cave' 3x4 inch labels.

Chris has completed her 10-card set using the wonderful 13@rts 'Tales of the sand' 8x8 paper pad. These cards are predominantly purple, teal & gold with beautiful Persian themes. The techniques used include, liquid acrylic ink drizzling, color glow multi-purpose medium stencilling, alcohol lift ink stamping, Distress Spritz colouring, gilding flakes & darkroom door stamp & stencilling. Cards are on display & as usual they can be done in a full day session or in two half days.

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.

She continues to teach her 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

Card-making classes with availability in April/May: -

- Tuesday 7th April - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Man Cave' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Thursday 9th April - 9-30 - 12-30pm - Part 1 - 5 x 13@rts 'Tales of the sand' cards with Chris \$35
- Saturday 11th April - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Man Cave' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Sunday 12th April - 10am - 1pm - Part 1 - 5 x 13@rts 'Tales of the sand' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 16th April - 10am - 1pm - Distress oxide 'Man Cave' technique cards Tamara \$30
- Friday 17th April - 10am - 1pm - 4 Mintay 'Man Cave' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Tuesday 21st April - 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35
- Thursday 23rd April 10am - 1pm - 4 Uniquely Creative 'Violet delight' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Saturday 25th April 2pm - 5pm - Distress oxide 'Man Cave' technique cards Tamara \$30
- Friday 1st May 9-30am - 12-30pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Rainbow village' cards with Chris \$35
- Saturday 2nd May 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Lakeside Memories' cards with Chris \$35

We will be closed on Good Friday 3rd April, but open as usual on Easter Saturday & Easter Monday for our regular hours. We hope you have a relaxing long weekend planned. Happy Easter!

Keep smiling



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