

Hi everyone

Chris's amazing holiday is now a distant memory & the papercraft silly season has commenced!

Plenty of new Christmas themed products have been ordered & some have started rolling in. We aim to stock a great selection of colours & themes for the festive season including plenty of traditional collections. Our Christmas section is looking a little sparse as we wait for new products. We have had a huge clearance of older papers, stamps & dies to make way for some fresh new ideas. Some of you may not be aware of our packs of discontinued 12x12 papers - each \$5 pack contains 5-6 matching papers & once these are gone there will be no more. We have also added some individual papers (not all Christmas) to our clearance boxes too so make sure you check out both when you next visit

We have had no further updates on the warehouse fire at our main USA distributor. We are working on sourcing products direct from manufacturers, but many of them are overwhelmed so it may take time. Thankfully, we have quite good stock of most products, but there will be some that remain unavailable.

What's new

- We're loving the new Christmas collection from Uniquely Creative 'Little Festive Things'. The range is designed around pretty pale pink, sage green & cream festive patterns with a splash of red. It features some cute, whimsical characters amongst traditional Christmas elements. The scrapbooking collection & creative cuts are only available from retailers. We also have some card making kits, 6x8 paper collection & card-making die cuts while stocks last



- It's great to have some fabulous new products from Creative Expressions & Woodware. New funny Christmas stamps & some new festive border dies



- We also have some new products from Katy Sue Designs. The Santa paper-tote pack pictured below includes 12 pages of patterns to build layered pictures & we also have a smaller 3-page pack. Vanessa has created some lovely cards decorating Katy Sue Picket Fence blank cards & pictured below are the latest decorative Christmas papers to work with them. We have also expanded our range of Katy Sue pre-cut embellishment sheets with this wedding set containing 3 pages



- Lavinia has released another wonderful new range of stamps called 'The Loomweavers' collection & ours are here. This gorgeous set features a family of raccoon tailors along with their beautifully detailed outfits & sewing tools. We also have some Lavinia wardrobe packs & 2027 calendars



- Just before sending this edition, we received an order from Dress my craft. We have topped up our paper trimmers & blades & have 3 new die sets pictured above. We loved their little birds, Christmas trees & large alphabet dies. The new alphabet letters are 4cm or 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches high
- We are expecting our new Mintay collections to arrive very soon. We have ordered new 6x8inch art journaling pads & ephemera, the first of their Christmas collections, as well as new wedding & teenager ranges. Keep an eye out for these
- We have also ordered the gorgeous new 'Mistletoe market' Christmas collection from Paper Rose which is on the way. It will be here early next week.

Classes in August

Scrapbooking – Vanessa has no places in two of her scrapbooking classes in August, but if there is a class you missed, we may be able to find a day for you. Alternatively, Vanessa can make you a kit

Art Journaling

Meagan has no availability for art journaling classes in August

Card-making

As we are in the silly season for card-makers there will be plenty of Christmas- themed classes over coming weeks & months. If you'd rather not make Christmas cards, we do have other options in August.

Chris has a new set of 5 cards using **Paper Rose Ink & Ivory** 6x6 papers. The midnight blue & gold card set feature alcohol ink, gilding flakes, metallic rub-ons & 'Andy Skinner' stamping techniques.

She has some places in her **13@rts 'Tales of the sand'** cards. This beautiful paper range has a purple, teal & gold colour palette with a Persian theme. There are several techniques used in this set including foiling, texture paste/stencilling, distress shimmer spray, alcohol lift ink, blending/stencilling & acrylic liquid medium drips. We also use the lovely Uniquely Creative arches die set for layered Persian scenes

Chris will also be teaching one of her older classes using **13@rts 'Fantasy Land'** to create a 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 bag of cards makes a lovely gift if you can part with it.

If you want to get cracking on your Christmas cards, **Chris** has designed her first festive set for 2026 using last year's **Paper Rose 'Christmas Holly'**. The 12x12 paper we use has 9 round Christmas images so most cards have a circular theme. We decorate a circle rocker card with gilding flakes, a poinsettia stencilled tag, 3 circle window, circle easel & z-fold flap card. These are on display at the shop.

All of Chris's 10 card classes can either be done in a single 6-hour class (if you are time poor) or two 3-hour classes. If you choose two classes, they can be in any order. If any of our times or days don't work for you, contact us to arrange a better day/time for the class of your choice.

Tamara is unavailable in August, but she is planning some Christmas cards for September & we will have dates for these in our next newsletter. Cards will be on display later this month

Vanessa has created some fabulous new cards using **Mintay 'Birthday Party'**. These beautiful cards feature dark navy, gold & pale pink. Vanessa has added some sparkly gold embellishments to the exploding box card, shaker easel & gatefold with band. They are perfect for every celebration - not just birthdays as the name might suggest

Her September cards will be using the **Uniquely Creative 'Little Festive Things'** range pictured above. As there is no single 'fussy' cut sheet in this collection, Vanessa will be using the die cut packs so there will be no homework next month, but an extra \$5 for class to cover the cost. These cards will be on display later this month & there will be dates in the September newsletter.

Card-making classes with availability in August/September: -

- Monday 3rd August - 10am - 1pm 4 Mintay 'Birthday Party' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Tuesday 4th August - 10am - 1pm 4 Mintay 'Birthday Party' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Friday 7th August - 9-30am - 12.30pm - 5 x 13@rts 'Tales of the sand' cards part 1 with Chris \$35
- Saturday 8th August 10am - 1pm - Mintay 'Birthday Party' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Thursday 13th Aug - 9-30am-12.30pm - 5x 13@rts 'Tales of the sand' cards part 2 with Chris \$35
- Tuesday 18th August - 9-30am - 12-30pm 5 x 13@rts Fantasy land cards part 1 with Chris \$35
- Thursday 20th August 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Ink & Ivory' cards with Chris \$35
- Friday 21st - August 10am - 1pm 4 Mintay 'Birthday Party' cards with Vanessa \$30
- Thurs 27th August 10am-1pm - 4 Uniquely Creative 'Little Festive things' cards with Vanessa \$35
- Monday 31st August 10am - 1pm- 5 Paper Rose 'Christmas Holly' cards with Chris \$35
- Tuesday 1st September - 4 Uniquely Creative 'Little Festive things' cards with Vanessa \$35
- Friday 4th Sept - 9-30am-12.30pm - 5 x 13@rts 'Tales of the sand' cards part 2 with Chris \$35
- Saturday 5th September 10am - 1pm - 5 Paper Rose 'Christmas Holly' cards with Chris \$35

We have some been enjoying a couple of other fabulous 'beyond the page' projects this year. Chris has been teaching the **'Life is art' black canvas** project designed by Aida from 13@rts & we have one kit left for a lucky student. This will be the last time we create this so if you'd like to join a class, we have a couple of dates coming up that may work for you.

Sunday 2nd August 1pm - 3pm OR Saturday 15th August 1pm - 3pm Cost is \$115 all inclusive.

Sue is running her final 13@rts **'Paint your life' Journal** for this term. She already has a new journal project on display & we will have details of this along with some class dates in our September news.

If you would like to join her to create this wonderful project, we have one place for her class on

Sunday 6th September from 10am - 4pm - cost \$175 all inclusive

Both projects are on display at the shop & if you would like more details, please contact Chris

If you have been at the shop this week you will notice the carpark is very boggy, like most grounds in Melbourne at this time of the year!! We have added some gravel & cement to help dry it out, but if the yard is too wet to park, we will only open one gate. When only one gate is open, please do not park in the driveway or in the parking area in front of the house as this is only for the resident. Please park on the street. Hopefully things will dry out soon & we can continue to have off-street parking as normal

Keep smiling & stay cosy



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