

SISTER ACT

for stamping and scrapbooking stuff

Hi everyone,

I know the paper racks have been looking quite disappointing over the past few weeks, but that's all changing! I was eagerly unpacking some of the gorgeous new collections and was happy to see the lovely courier man had left a box full of inspiration as well ☺ The weather has been so lovely this summer and the warm evenings so pleasant that I haven't really felt too much like crafting but I can now feel my motivation returning!



Two new Kaisercraft designs have arrived - Magic Happens (sparkles, fairies and butterflies) and Class of '87, a school inspired range perfect for scrapbooking your child's start or return to school. I've used this collection as well as the Kaisercraft Tag Box and Tags to make this Times Tables box for my youngest to keep on his desk so he has no excuse not to learn his tables!!! (It was fun to make and I'm happy to give you my times tables sheets that I put on each tag if you want to do something similar.) We've also had a top up of the popular "English

Rose" collection as well.

Some new NZ themed papers have arrived which make great background paper for layouts if you have been travelling around the country in the holidays. There are also some good designs for cardmakers to feature New Zealand's beautiful flora and fauna.

Other new designs already in the shop are from BasicGrey, Cosmo Cricket, Graphic 45, 3 Bugs in a Rug, My Mind's Eye, and more still to come from BoBunny, Fancy Pants, Pink Paislee, Glitz, GCD Studios, Webster's Pages, Jillibean Soup, BasicGrey, Tim Holtz Idea-ology and Dies, The Girls Paperie, K & Co, and a fabulous, much needed boys sports range from Teresa Collins.

Some new brands are also coming our way - my favourite so far being Simple Stories. Their "Destinations" range will make fab travel pages! As always - come in and have a look☺

There are some fabulous new Spellbinders dies due to come out at the end of March (approx!). I have ordered some but I have put a catalogue on the counter so feel free to place orders.

I will shortly be stocking a brand of stamps new to the shop. Have you heard of the "Tilda and Edwin" range? They are sooo cute!!! Elaine is featuring them in some of her classes over the year. (Yes, she has a year of classes planned already! Lucky me!!!) Check out her April classes - Distress Ink Painting and Tea Light Book. The distress ink painting is so much fun. Elaine gave me a private lesson on Tuesday and I love it! Her Tea Light Book would make a great little gift and happens to be scheduled in time for Mother's Day☺

But let me backtrack a bit! Look at the gorgeous cradle and chocolate box (both pictured further on) - Elaine's classes in March. Julie will be showing us how to make her beautiful Swing Card. Pam has two weekday classes - Pretty Easter, and Making the Most of your Cuttlebug. Back by popular demand, Ally is repeating her Shrinky





Dink Button Bracelet. We have our regular Heritage Layouts with Heidi and Fabulous Layouts with Elizabeth and our regular Scrapbooking and Cardmaking for Beginners classes are starting again. These beginners' classes are a great place to start if you are keen to take up scrapbooking or cardmaking as starting off with the right information and basic tools can save you time and money in the end.

There will be two children's classes in the Easter Holidays. Information will be available on these closer to the time.

In my last newsletter I hinted at a new monthly series of classes which may take scrapbookers out of their comfort zone. Well, here it is - Blind Scrapbooking. This is a new 6-month series of scrapbooking classes which will be held on the last Wednesday evening of each month, starting the last Wednesday in April. In this class you will be given the kit and instructions to complete a beautiful layout but the catch is - you won't know what the layout looks like until you have finished it! You will be told prior to the evening what photo/s to bring on the night. The cost of the class is \$25 per class. If you can't make one of the evenings the kit will be put aside for you to complete at home. So come on scrapbookers, don't be scared, it won't hurt - in fact it will be fun! There are only 10 spaces so book yours now and mark it in your dairies. Supper will be provided.

As I am continually getting enquiries about our "Pieces of Me" class we are now putting together another group. "Pieces of Me" is a regular monthly group that gets together during which time you will complete a scrapbook of your own life story. Its lots of fun! The class costs \$20.00 per month and you will be given the kit, layout ideas and the help of a tutor to complete your layout each month. All sorts of topics are covered from heritage, favourite things, homes, jobs to contents of handbags and snapshot in time just to name a few. This new group will be held on the first Wednesday of each month starting in May. If you are interested in joining this group or are wanting further information give me a call on 04 9044033. For those who have already put their name on the waiting list I will contact you shortly and you will have first option on a space in the class.

Sister Act's first Super Sunday Craft Day is on Sunday 13th March from 10am till 4pm. Come along and spend 6 wonderful hours working on your scrapbooking or cardmaking. No domestic distractions. This time is just for you! \$25.00 for the day includes use of the shops tools (Cricut at an extra cost), a small gift bag, continuous tea/coffee/nibbles and fun company. (Bring your own lunch - kitchen available.) Layouts completed on the day will qualify for the Straw Hat Competition. The shop will be open for attendees and the public. You do need to book a space as the numbers are limited plus will only be run if enough interest.

Shop Hours

Regular shop hours are 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Saturday. We are closed on Sundays except Sunday 13th March is a Super Sunday Craft Day and the shop will be open.

The shop will be closed on Friday 22nd and Monday 25th April due to the Easter holidays. We will be open as usual on Saturday 23rd April.

Classes

All classes are held in the Sister Act shop in Mahara Place and run for two hours unless otherwise stated. We supply most materials required, but please try to bring the tools listed on the 'Basic Kit for Classes' below. Don't forget to book early for classes to avoid missing out. Either ring on 04 904 4033 during shop hours, email me on kate@sisteract.co.nz or call in to the shop. If you're not sure what the class might entail, just give us a quick call - I'm always happy to help with any enquiries. **Remember, you do need to pre-pay to secure your spot.** Attendees "penciled-in" will be moved to the waiting list if a class becomes full and priority will be given to those who pre-pay. There is no refund of money for cancellations, but with reasonable notice (at least 48 hours), you can be transferred to another class or receive a class credit voucher. If there is insufficient interest to run an advertised class I'll do my best to transfer you to another or give you a class credit voucher.

Basic Kit for Classes

The following are helpful tools that you will use regularly in different classes. We do provide some tools but they are for everyone to share and if you have your own you will be able to work that much more productively. So if you have the following, bring them with you, and PLEASE make sure your tools are named.

- ✓ Adhesive of your choice (eg. Craft glue or double-sided tape)
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Rubber
- ✓ Cutting mat
- ✓ Tweezers
- ✓ Ruler (a metal one is best)
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Craft knife
- ✓ Photo splits (for scrapbooking classes only)
- ✓ Cutter or Paper Trimmer
- ✓ Scoring tool or Embossing Stylus

CLASSES - (See calendar at end of newsletter for times & dates)

Crop Nite

Spend a relaxing Friday evening catching up on your scrapbooking and taking part in Straw Hat Nite. Remember, completing a layout on the night entitles you to go into a draw to win the straw hat complete with embellishments collected over the year (July 2010 to July 2011). What an incentive!!! These evenings are only \$5.00, we provide supper and the shop is open for your convenience! (Friday 1st April)

Stamp or Scrap Days

Stamp or Scrap days are scheduled when we have no classes running, either in the morning, afternoon or sometimes for the whole day. There are 8 spaces available to book at \$5.00 for three hours or \$10.00 for the whole day. You can sit and stamp - the shop stamps will be available for you to use, or you can come along and do your scrapbooking or work on your projects. Please note these sessions are not a structured class, but it is a wonderful way to get together with like-minded people and to spend time on your craft and get heaps done! (Saturday 5th, 19th, 26th March, 23rd, 30th April)

"Pieces of Me"

Ongoing series of scrapbooking classes.

This is an ongoing series where participants are making a scrapbook about themselves. Every month ideas and supplies are provided to complete another page in the scrapbook. (**Group 3** - Wednesday 16th March, 20th April, Cost: \$20.00. **Groups 1 & 2 - Crop Nite**, Wednesday 2nd March, 6th April, Cost: \$5.00)

Card Making for Beginners

Come along and learn how to make your own cards using rubber stamps and punches. Your friends and family will be so impressed with your handiwork. This two hour class covers the art of stamping an inked impression, heat embossing, hand colouring, and the use of art punches. You will go home with 3 completed cards. This is only for newcomers to the craft. Cost: \$20.00 (Saturday 16th April)

Introduction to Scrapbooking & Embellishing for Beginners

This is a two part series repeated each schedule.

Heard about this craft but not sure what's involved? Learn all you need to know over this four hour class spilt over two weeks. The first two hour class covers the basics and explains the best way to look after your precious photos and the importance of journaling. You'll learn about cropping, matting and paper selection, as well as the use of cutting tools. The second week covers basic embellishment techniques using eyelets, brads, tags, buttons and more, as well as title options and various journaling techniques. Also try your hand at one of our die-cutting systems! Bring along 3-6 photos relating to a theme or event and in similar colours, and we'll provide the rest to complete a double page 12x12 layout. Please, no irreplaceable photos for your first pages! Cost: \$40.00 for the series. (Saturday 9th & 16th April)

Fabulous Layouts

Complete a fabulous double-page layout to add to your scrapbook. You will be advised prior to the classes what/how many photos to bring along.

March - School Days. Perfect for children starting or returning to school or kindy, or celebrating a school achievement, or recording a school outing or event. Cost: \$20.00 (Saturday 26th March)

April - A Snapshot in Time. This layout is mostly about the journaling. Recording information about a person at this moment in 2011 eg. favourite colour, best friend, hopes for the future. (You will be

provided with a list of questions to help you prepare your journaling prior to the class.) Cost: \$20.00 (Saturday 30th April)

Heritage Scrapbooking - New Class

Another beautiful double-page layout featuring techniques and embellishments particularly suitable for heritage scrapbooking. You will be advised prior to the classes what/how many photos to bring along.

March - Recipes. A favourite family recipe handed down through the years - a no-fail pav with a secret ingredient, or a concoction for removing stains! Write it down!!! Cost: \$25.00 (Friday 18th March)

April - Childhood. Your baby photos, or mums, grandmothers. Perhaps a collection of relatives showing a family resemblance. Cost: \$25.00 (Friday 29th April)

Blind Scrapbooking - New 6-month series (Part 1)

Trust me, you will complete a beautiful layout each month, you just won't know what it's going to look like until it's finished!! A fun way to get some layouts completed without the stress of having to create it - you just do it! I will let you know prior to the evening what photo/s to bring on the night. If you can't make one of the evenings the kit will be put aside for you to complete at home. So come on scrapbookers, don't be scared, it won't hurt - in fact it will be fun! Cost: \$25.00 per class. (Wednesday 27th April)

Cradle - New Class

Such a cute and unique way to welcome a newborn! You can choose to make the cradle in blue or pink - either way it's gorgeous! Cost: \$25.00 (Saturday 12th March)

Ferrero Roche Chocolate Box - New Class

This box has the elegance of an old-fashioned hat box but contains decadence inside! It has the WOW factor and just in time for Easter ☺ Cost: \$30.00 (Saturday 12th March)



Swing Card - New Class

A great little card technique, decorated beautifully has the power to impress. Cost: \$25.00 (Saturday 19th March)

Cards with Pam

March - Pretty Easter - New Class

Gorgeous eye-catching colour combinations can make a card and this red, green and yellow are just that. A lovely summery combination. Included in this class is a cute 3D Easter card. Cost: \$20.00 (Tuesday 22nd March)

April - Making the Most of your Cuttlebug - New Class

After investing in a Cuttlebug you want to make the most of it! This class uses Cuttlebug embossing folders combined with the Spellbinders nestabilities. I don't think the nestabilities are often utilized as much as they could be, so this class is to give you some useful ideas. Cost: \$20.00 (Tuesday 19th April)



Distress Ink Painting - New Class

Ever wondered how the experts manage to blend their colours so perfectly that really bring their stamped images to life? Elaine will show you how to use your Distress Inks to do just that. This is a technique that has become very

popular recently and I can see why. Its lots of fun and a very relaxing evening activity in front of the telly! The Tilda stamps that Elaine will be using are gorgeous. Come along and be taught by an expert!
Cost: \$25.00 (Saturday 2nd April)

Tea Light Book - New Class

You will love this cute little "book". It features a stamped and painted Tilda (using the distress ink painting technique) and a little compartment for tea light candles. This would make a lovely little Mother's Day gift or just to let someone know they are being thought about! Cost: \$25.00 (Saturday 2nd April)

Shrinky Dink Button Bracelet - Repeat Class

Back by popular demand, Ally will show you how to create a unique and stunning bracelet made out of shrinky dink. Lots of fun and you'll end up with something fabulous to give away as a gift (or to keep for yourself!!). Cost: \$30.00 (Saturday 9th April)

Super Sunday Craft Day

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Children's Classes in the School Holidays

All children's classes are \$20.00.

Thursday 21st and Thursday 28th April. Starting 10am - finishing approx. 12noon.

Details of classes to be advised.

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CLASS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5
		Pieces of Me (1 st & 2 nd group) Crop Nite 7 - 9.30pm			Stamp or Scrap day All Day
7	8	9	10	11	12
					Cradle 10 - 1pm Ferrero Roche Box 2 - 4.30pm
14	15	16	17	18	19
13th March SUPER SUNDAY CRAFT DAY 10 - 4PM		Pieces of Me (3 rd group) 7 - 9.30pm		Heritage Layout Theme: A Family Recipe 7 - 9.30pm	Swing Card 10 - 12noon Stamp or Scrap Afternoon 1 - 4pm
21	22	23	24	25	26
	Cards with Pam: Pretty Easter 10 - 12noon				Stamp or Scrap Morning 9.30 - 12.30pm Fabulous Layouts Theme: School Days 1 - 3pm
28	29	30	31		

CLASS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2
				Crop Nite (Straw Hat Competition) 7 - 10pm	Distress Ink Painting 10 - 12noon Tea Light Book 1 - 4pm
4	5	6	7	8	9
		Pieces of Me (1 st & 2 nd group) Crop Nite 7 - 9.30pm			Scrapbooking for Beginners 10 - 12noon Shrinky Dink Button Bracelet 1.30 - 4pm
11	12	13	14	15	16
					Embellishing for Beginners 10 - 12noon Cardmaking for Beginners 2 - 4pm
18	19	20	21	22	23
	Cards with Pam: Making the Most of your Cuttlebug 10 - 12noon	Pieces of Me (3 rd group) 7 - 9.30pm	Children's Class 10 - 12noon	CLOSED	Stamp or Scrap Day All Day
25	26	27	28	29	30
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