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Merlin Mosaica Newsletter

Glues, Grouts and more
Great Service
Free and easy advice
Absolutely Australian, Definitely Different

Stunning range of Glass Tiles!!!
A wide range of stained glass and mirror.
Tiles substrates, glues, grouts, tools & more!
Mosaic Workshops & Courses in Canberra

July already! This has been a year of financial challenges for some, and running a small business certainly isn't getting easier! The majority of my product is imported, so we in Australia are faced with escalating costs. I do try to keep increases to a minimum. My aim continues to be to provide excellent service and high quality, unusual products for my clients.

You will notice a change to my Newsletters. I've chosen to send out an email with images of new and featured products, with a link to the more traditional Newsletter format (this document).

I'm experiencing some health issues at the moment, so teaching has had to take a back seat for now. Rest assured, I am creating pieces to use as classroom samples. Classes will resume, once I get my back issues sorted. This has also meant that order processing has slowed, as I am unable to bend, and should avoid lifting as well.

It has been pretty much steady as she goes over the past few months... I am proud to have added the **Vision Symphony** range of glass, and some new substrates. The **StyleTech** and **Starlike EVO (incl. the Crystal Translucent)** continue to sell well.

Some old favourite tools have been restocked.

I am currently testing some new **substrates** and **other products** which should be an exciting addition for the second half of the year.

I am clearing out my **small size glass pieces** - these won't be re-stocked.

We can choose to stand tall and see life as the colourful and unique mosaic it really is.

Bespoke Shapes and Backers:

If you are looking for a particular shape in MDF, Acrylic or mirrored Acrylic, please contact me. I would need a clear black and white image of the shape (preferably in a vector file), the size, and thickness, and desired substrate (MDF or Acrylic). Let me know how many you are after, and I will give you a price.

Product Suggestions:

If you have a product you would like me to add to my range, please suggest it. Should it provide viable, and achievable, I will give you a \$100 store voucher!

Thought for the Month:

Your work is a representation of you. The joy of the "making" is what is so incredibly important. That is what keeps us going on with mosaics, and helps us to refine our craft. Everyone of us, from the rank beginner to the most experienced craftsman, sees the faults in our own works. Don't point those faults out to others, but observe critically, albeit privately, and try to learn from them. Oftentimes, others do not see these faults - they see the joy, love & dedication.

In conclusion:

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

I am always happy to offer assistance wherever I can.

Till next time, stay safe,



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