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Personalized Stamps Evolution

History of custom stamps and how to make your own photo stamps

Would you like to express yourself creatively on a postage stamp? Show how unique you are even when you send out mails by posting custom stamps on your envelope.

Usually referred to as greeting stamps, personalized stamps are different from private stamps. Private stamps were created during the global wave of privatizations. Private stamps were created for regional and city deliveries.

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Custom stamps are made for special occasions like the **Christmas stamps**. Other personal events can also be depicted on custom postal stamps like the **wedding stamps** that are now becoming a fad among brides-to-be.

When was custom postage stamps introduced?

Personalized stamps were created to compete against the private postal companies. It was issued by the postal agencies upon the request of an individual. Personalized stamps could show designs or images of popular celebrities of one's choice.

It can also depict events, holidays or even family celebrations. However, personalized stamps for personal events should be distinguished from the **commemorative stamps** that are issued for national occasions.

It was in 1999 when the world's first personalized stamps were introduced. The personalized stamps depicted an image or text supplied by the customer on the right side of the stamp. Personalized stamps allow individuals to personalize their overseas and Holiday mails. It can be wonderful gifts and keepsakes too.

Photo stamps or picture stamps are now gaining popularity among the general public because the **stamp vignette** becomes a canvas for their personalized designs or portraits.

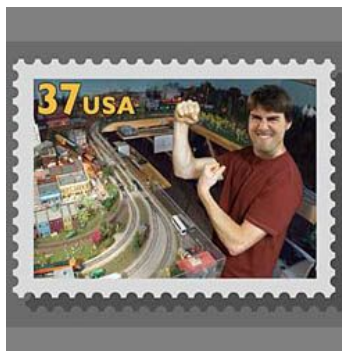
What are the common designs of personalized postage stamps?

Popular celebrities like the Beatles, Shirley Temple, Tom Hanks, Marilyn Monroe, and Babe Ruth are popular images used in creating personalized stamps.

Other celebrities popularly featured in personalized stamps are Michelle Pfeiffer, Leonard Di Caprio, Sharon Stone and Tom Cruise.

Popular TV series and movies such as Titanic and Star Wars are also commonly depicted in personalized stamps.

Events and family celebrations such as a new born baby or wedding are also popularly depicted in personalized stamps. Holiday photos or, your pet's photo can be used for creating personalized stamps.



How to make your own personalized stamps?

Today, in the age of the internet, it is easier get **personalized photo stamps**. All you have to do is go to a philatelic website that is authorized by the post office to issue customized stamps. You can upload your photos in their website, design the template, and your stamps will be

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