

# FUN PHILATELICALY

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## The Beginnings of a Stamp

The design of a stamp, its subject, is the key to our enjoyment of stamp collecting. Stamp design is a combination of art form and craftsmanship, sometimes successful and sometimes not, in miniature. One very well known designer Edmund Dulac said; 'The most difficult part of designing a postage stamp is planning the theme for all to understand and appreciate in so little space'

In the early days the stamp designers were engravers as well, and they were responsible for engraving an exact replica of a monarch's portrait or colony badge in minuscule size on steel or copper.

Every year New Zealand Post knows which issues they are planning for the next year:

*To celebrate events of national and international importance*

*To commemorate important anniversaries*

*To extend public patronage to the arts by encouraging development of minuscule art.*

They invite three or four well known designers to submit their drawings for any issue, maybe on a suggested theme or completely open. In the 1950's, photographs of Prince Charles and Princess Anne were requested from the Royal Family and these were sent to be used for our health issue of 1952. All stamp designs showing members of the Royal Family have to be approved by Her Majesty the Queen, so as the photographs came from her our issued stamp must have got her approval.

These are copies of the original photographs sent to New Zealand Post -



The issued stamps of 1952 -



How close do you think the finished stamp is to the original photo, remembering that design in miniature is extremely complex and precise?

In the 1960's the Queen now had another son Prince Andrew, and once again photographs were sent to New Zealand to be used for our health issue of 1963.

Copies of original photographs -



Issued stamps of 1963 -

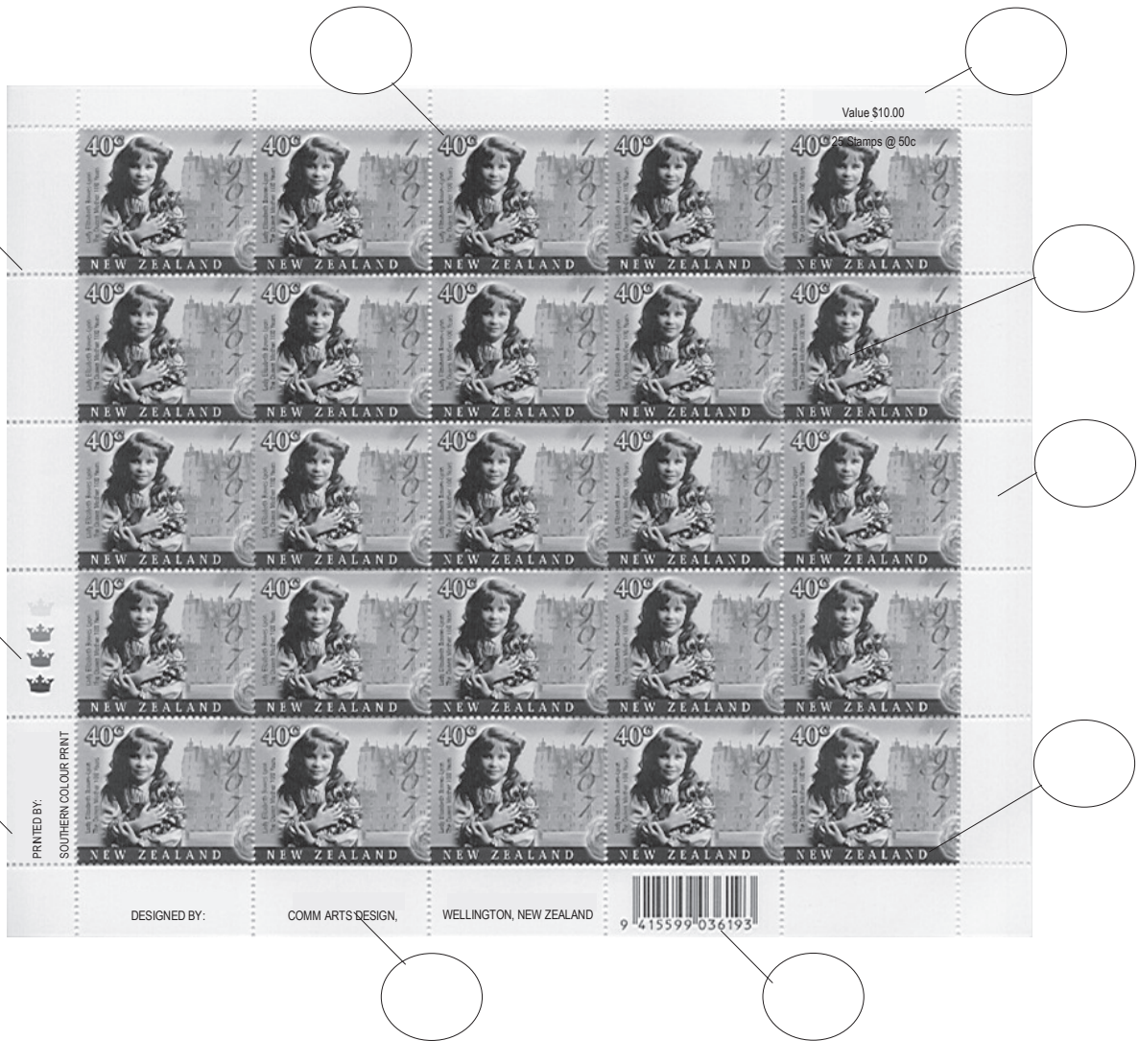


One very noticeable difference is that Prince Andrew reading has been reversed and looks to the right. This is a modification that someone in New Zealand Post thought appropriate, and one of the many processes that are gone through before a stamp design is finally approved before printing.

# PARTS OF A STAMP SHEET

Can you match each letter into one of the circles?

- |   |   |   |                                      |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| A | Perforation ("perf")                    | F | Country name                         |
| B | Design Subject (picture on the stamp)   | G | Stamp printer                        |
| C | Face value                              | H | Stamp designer                       |
| D | Printer's colour check marks            | I | Barcode (on sheets of modern stamps) |
| E | Selvedge (plain paper on edge of sheet) | J | Sheet Value                          |



## QUESTION & ANSWER



**Q.** What should I do when I want to put a fresh hinge on a stamp?

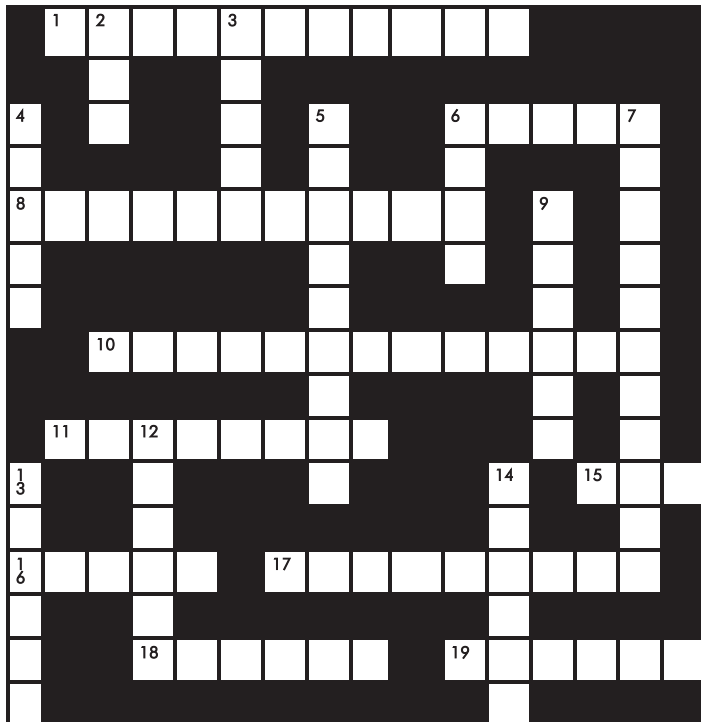
**A.** If you have hinged your stamp neatly, you will find that it is quite easy to peel it gently from the stamp; but if you have used too much 'lick' it may be really stuck. If so, do NOT try to peel it off, or part of the stamp may come too. Just lay the stamp, picture side up, on a sheet of clean damp paper towel and before long you will easily be able to peel off the old hinge. Put your stamp between dry paper towels and when it is dry put a new hinge on it.

## ERRORS on STAMPS

Find the error on the stamps. Answers on page 3.



# Winter Crossword



## Across CLUES

- 1 The space between two panes of stamps on one sheet (2 words)
- 6 A type of perforation, where part of the sheet has had to be re-perforated with a machine of a different gauge.
- 8 A series of holes punched between stamps to aid separation
- 10 Stamp issued to remember an event or person
- 11 Bulk stamps on paper
- 15 A type of mail that is flown
- 16 Stamps are normally issued in this form
- 17 A printed addition to a stamp
- 18 A machine cancellation which combines an advert with a date stamp
- 19 A stamp cut in half to pay half the value shown on the stamp

## Down

- 2 The abbreviation for unhinged mint
- 3 A stamp with a mistake is said to have an \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 A mixture, usually made from wood fibre, rags and grasses upon which stamps are printed
- 5 A design made in the paper to prevent fraudulent use
- 6 Stamps that have not been used through the mail are said to be this
- 7 A stamp that has been printed twice (2 words)
- 9 A complete envelope, postcard or wrapper with stamps affixed or printed on it to prepay postage
- 12 These are found on letters and postal packets to denote special delivery details
- 13 A stamp for revenue or taxation purposes only
- 14 Perforations in stamps to stop unauthorised use by company employees

Answers in the September 2010 issue.

## EXHIBITION PROTECTORS

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## NZ Stamp Quiz

1. When were the first New Zealand stamps issued?
2. What happened on 10 July 1967 to New Zealand stamps?
3. How many stamps are in the 1984 Wildlife set?
4. How many different colours of \$1 round Kiwi stamps have been issued?
5. How many Queens are depicted on New Zealand stamps?
6. Where is the tower depicted on the 1974 4¢ anniversary stamp?
7. How many stamps are in the 1980 Architecture set?
8. What did the 1946 Peace issue commemorate?
9. What mistake happened with the 2½d 1898 Pictorial stamp?
10. What is unusual about the 1943 Health stamps?

Answers in next issue.

## DID YOU KNOW

The earliest known letter written on paper is dated c1216AD and was written by Raymond, Duke of Narbonne to King Henry III of England.

The most letters used on a USA date stamp is "Field Branch, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy 10020 STA. Cleveland, Ohio" (63 letters). The longest in the UK was probably "Barrington Colliery, Bedlington, Northumberland" (42 letters).

## Answers to ERRORS on STAMPS

Canada – the Boeing 767 depicted on this stamp has no engines.  
USA – the buckles of ski boots buckle outward on both feet. This means that the skier on this stamp has two left boots.

# ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

There are four awards, Bronze, Silver-Bronze, Silver and Gold

The Bronze and Silver-Bronze Awards can be examined by a stamp club leader, school teacher, youth group leader or adult stamp collector. The Silver and Gold must be examined by a person approved by the Philatelic Youth Council Executive.

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## BRONZE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FORM

### The Applicant:

1. Has formed a stamp collection over a period of more than six months Yes \_\_\_\_\_
2. Has given a short talk (approx 2 minutes) on four pages from the collection Yes \_\_\_\_\_
3. Has successfully answered simple questions on -
  - a) the pages shown for the talk Yes \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) general philately Yes \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is able to mount stamps correctly Yes \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is able to remove stamps from paper correctly Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The questions in 3a should relate to the type of collection formed ie. for Thematic collectors questions on the theme, for collectors of NZ, questions on New Zealand stamps.

The questions in 3b must be on general philately, suggested questions are:

- a) What is the purpose of perforations?
- b) What is the purpose of Watermarks?
- c) What is a First Day Cover?
- d) Who issued the World's first postage stamp?
- e) Why should you use tweezers?
- f) For what purpose would you use a stamp catalogue?

Four to six questions answered adequately is sufficient.

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Examiners Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Examiners Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club Position or Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Send the completed form to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland