

CANADA'S EMBOSSSED STAMPS, 1974-1981

TO DEVELOP A SIMILAR DEGREE OF SECURITY AS ITAGLIO PRINTING AT LESS COST, THE CANADA POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT EXPERIMENTED WITH MULTIPLE COLOR LITHOGRAPHY COMBINED WITH PRECISION EMBOSSING. TEN DESIGNS WERE TESTED BETWEEN 1974 AND 1981. THESE TEN STAMPS ARE SHOWN HERE IN THEIR ORDER OF APPEARANCE.

IDENTIFYING EMBOSSED STAMPS CAN BE MADE BY OBSERVING THE BACKS OR BY TOUCH. LIGHTLY RUN FINGERTIPS OVER THESE STAMPS TO FEEL THE RAISED SURFACE, THE EMBOSSED PORTION OF THE DESIGN.



HOWEVER VIEWING EMBOSSED STAMPS IN A PHILATELIC DISPLAY IS DIFFICULT UNDER THE BEST OF CONDITIONS. IN THIS DISPLAY THE BACKS OF THE EMBOSSED STAMPS ARE SHOWN IN A REDUCED, ENHANCED PHOTOCOPY.