

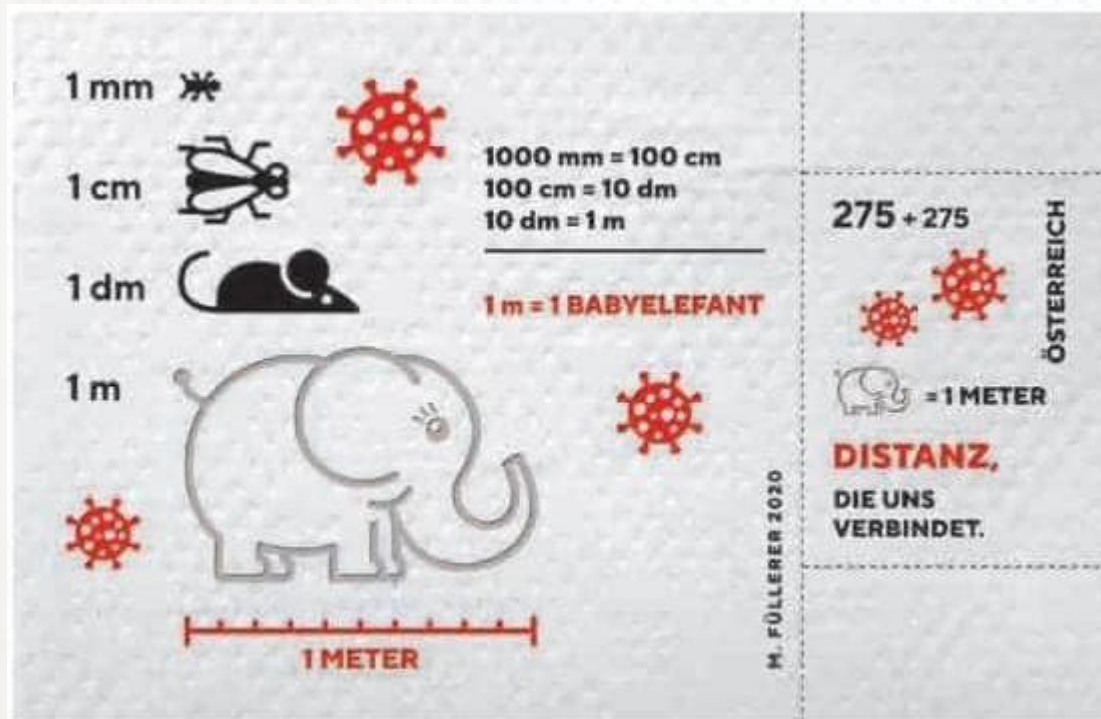
More Unusual Worldwide Stamps

Issued between 2019-2021

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The Covid pandemic has not stopped postal administrations around the world from continuing to issue out-of-the-ordinary and unusual postage stamps. Here's a sampling of some of them. Enjoy!



10/20/2020
Austria semi-postal 3-ply “toilet paper” stamp drawing attention to “distance” and the relative sizes of recognizable objects. Ten of these side-by-side make 1 meter, the recommended safe length to stay apart from others.



05/17/2019

Spain

Host to the final four of the Basketball 2019 EuroLeague in Vitoria Gastiez.

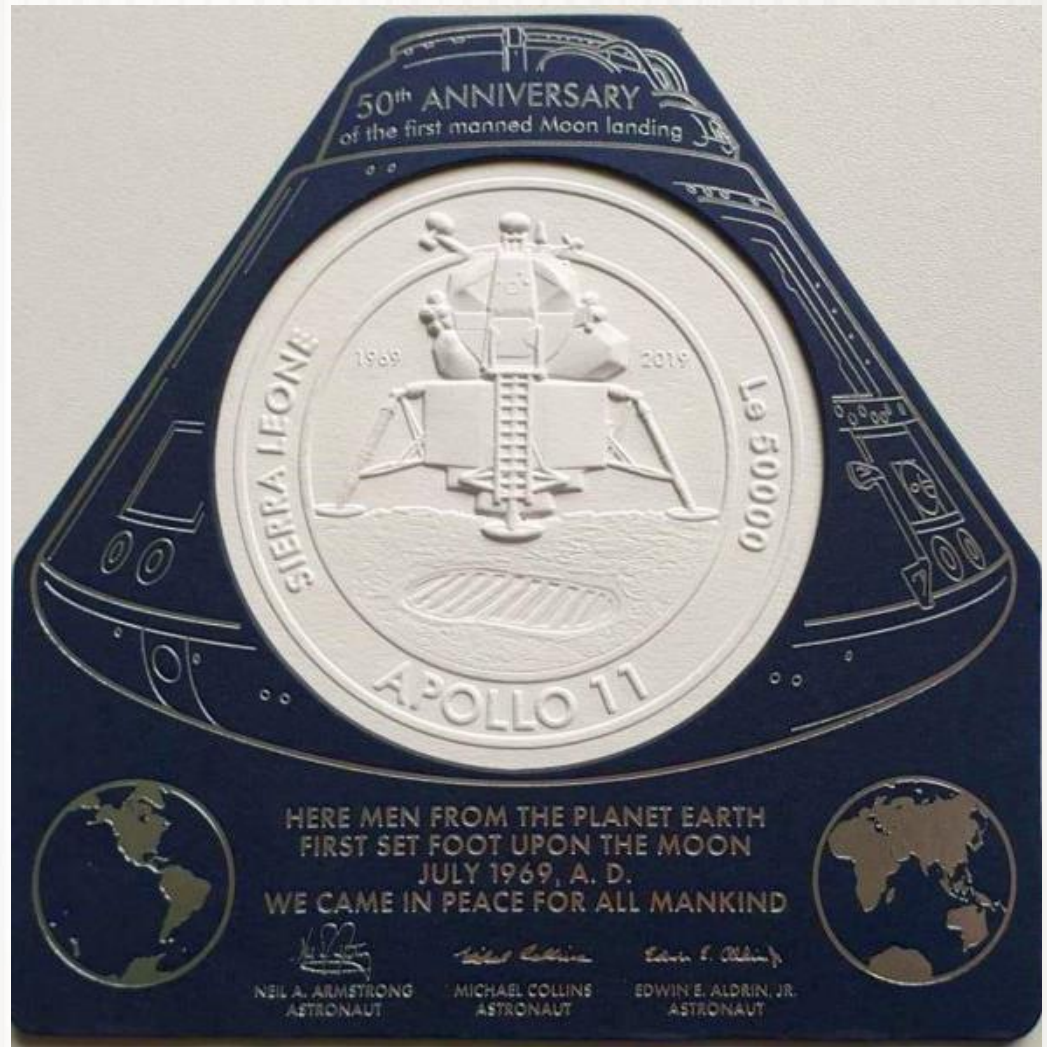
Spalding made the official game ball.

Real basketball netting was used on the stamps, seen rising above the paper.

08/30/2019

Sierra Leone

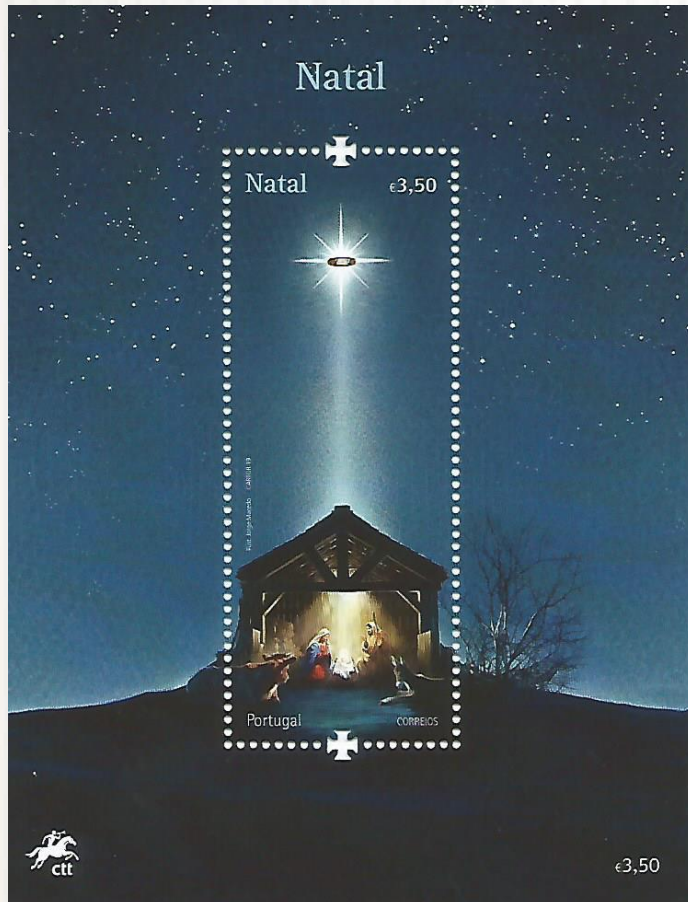
Commemorating
Apollo 11's 50th
anniversary issue
on thick cardboard
(1,400 gr/m²) with
coin-like
embossing and a
reproduction of the
lunar module's
plaque left on the
moon's surface.



10/22/2019

Portugal

This Christmas issue has a small LED light within the Bethlehem star that is activated through NFC (near field communication) technology by touching it with a smartphone, causing it to flash.



(click image above in a .pptx to view animation)

03/20/2020

Spain

Two traditional foods from Spain's northern coastal Asturias region are featured here, faba beans and apple cider. Licking the yellowish dripping pouring into the glass will taste like the drink. Afterwards, is it still a "mint" stamp?



04/03/2020

France

Four stamps (center row of stamps in the sheet) and eight labels (top and bottom rows) of sequential photographs combine to make a flip book showing self-portraits of Felix Nadar (1820-1910) turning in a 360 degree circle.



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05/20/2020

Spain

This translucent polyester stamp replicates Spain's national identity document, established in 1944, consisting of a unique ID number, signature, fingerprint, and photograph.

Issue of 160,000





06/11/2020

Spain

The Jack of Spades, Knight of Cups, King of Wands and Ace of Pentacles are on this set honoring the Naipas Heraclius Fournier card manufacturer founded in 1870.

09/07/2020

Liechtenstein

Promoting an eco-friendly environment is this stamp made of polyester yarn thread originating from 3,100 600 ml. (about 20 ounce) recycled PET lightweight polyester bottles.



Issue of 40,000

10/23/2020

Austria

Forming an alpine ski tip, this stamp is made from the same plastic composite and aluminum as the real thing, given its shape, edging and 3 mm thickness by means of a CNC-controlled milling machine. Issue of 150,000



04/13/2021 Estonia

Estonia Post has issued a special wooden souvenir sheet to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the country's Järvselja Nature Reserve.

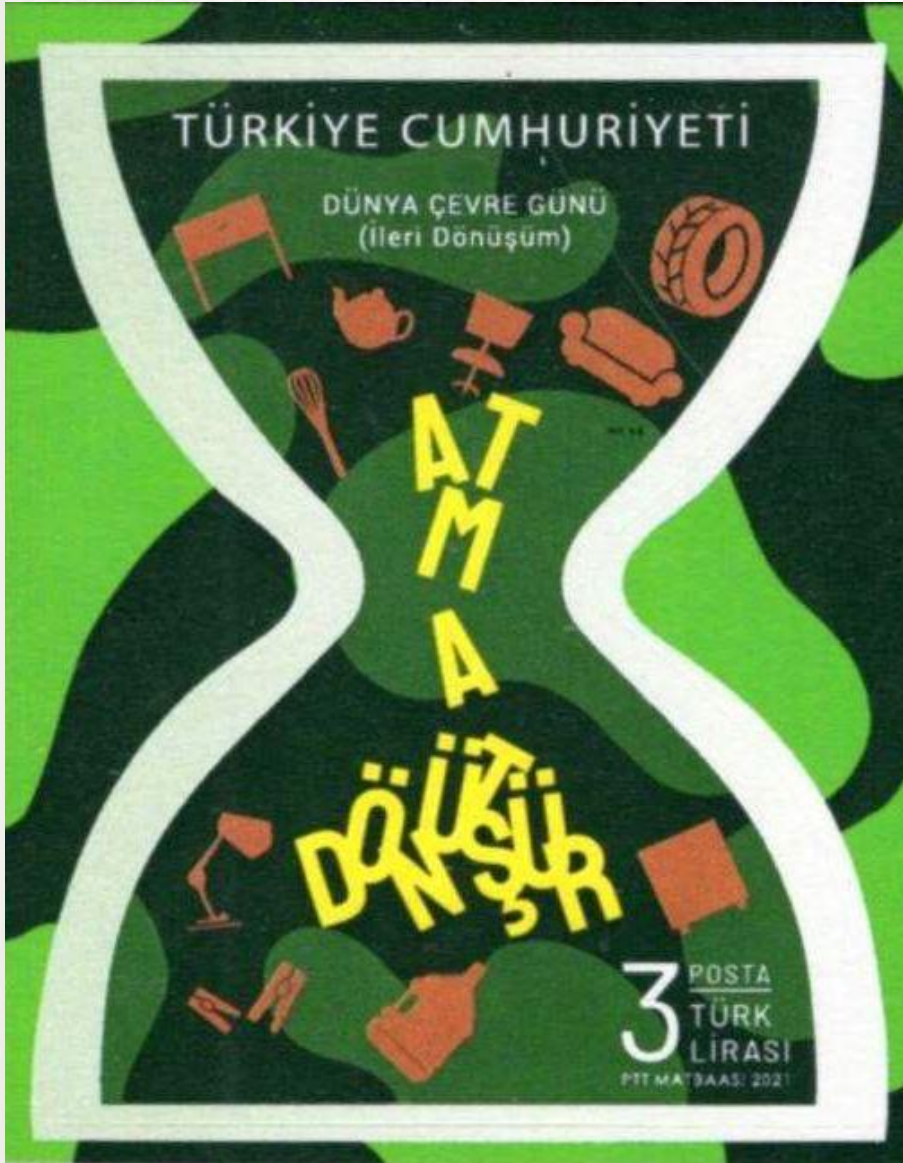


05/20/2021

Estonia

This stamp featuring the common poppy has seeds affixed with a transparent circular plastic sticker in the center of each flower that can be planted to grow poppy plants.





06/05/2021

Turkey

World Environment
Day stamp
promoting
recycling and
printed on recycled
paper.

09/02/2021 Switzerland

What else other than plain linen canvas could Swiss Post have used to promote the country's commitment to art? If a picture is worth 1,000 words, do you see a polar bear in a snow storm?



09/17/2021

Austria

A stamp made from the same materials as a pandemic mask: two layers of non-woven fiber were embroidered, laser cut to shape and finished with two stitched ear loops.



09/20/2021

Spain

An homage to the 1970's youngster decalcomania fad. These tattoo stamps on cardboard are removable when moistened and stick to skin (or anything) by a turpentine layer on the stamp's face. [I ♥ Stamps]



11/01/2021 Australia

Another in a limited edition “Impression Series” of 3D UV-curable resin stamps is this bonsai stamped first day cover. Still available as of August 2022, the FDC retails for A\$119.95 from Australia Post.

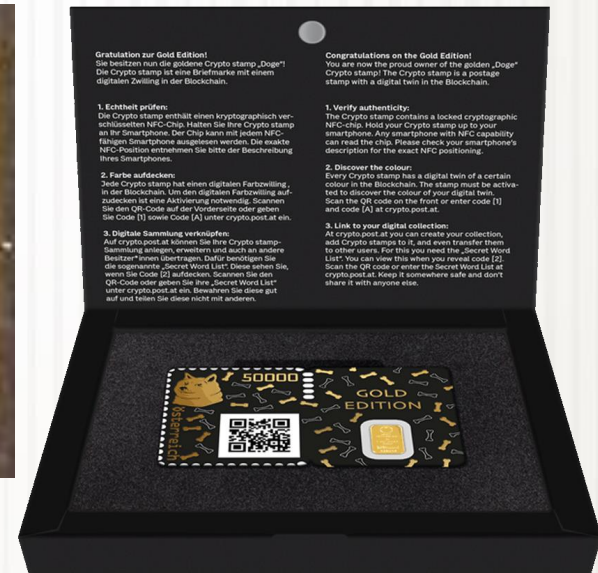
Issue of 150



11/02/2021

Austria

A sold out limited edition Gold Doge semi-official item selling for €500 (about \$600) when released is this 50,000 Euro cent crypto stamp and a one Kinegram gold bar with Lipizzaner security mark released at the NFT Art Fair in New York. [\(read more\)](#)

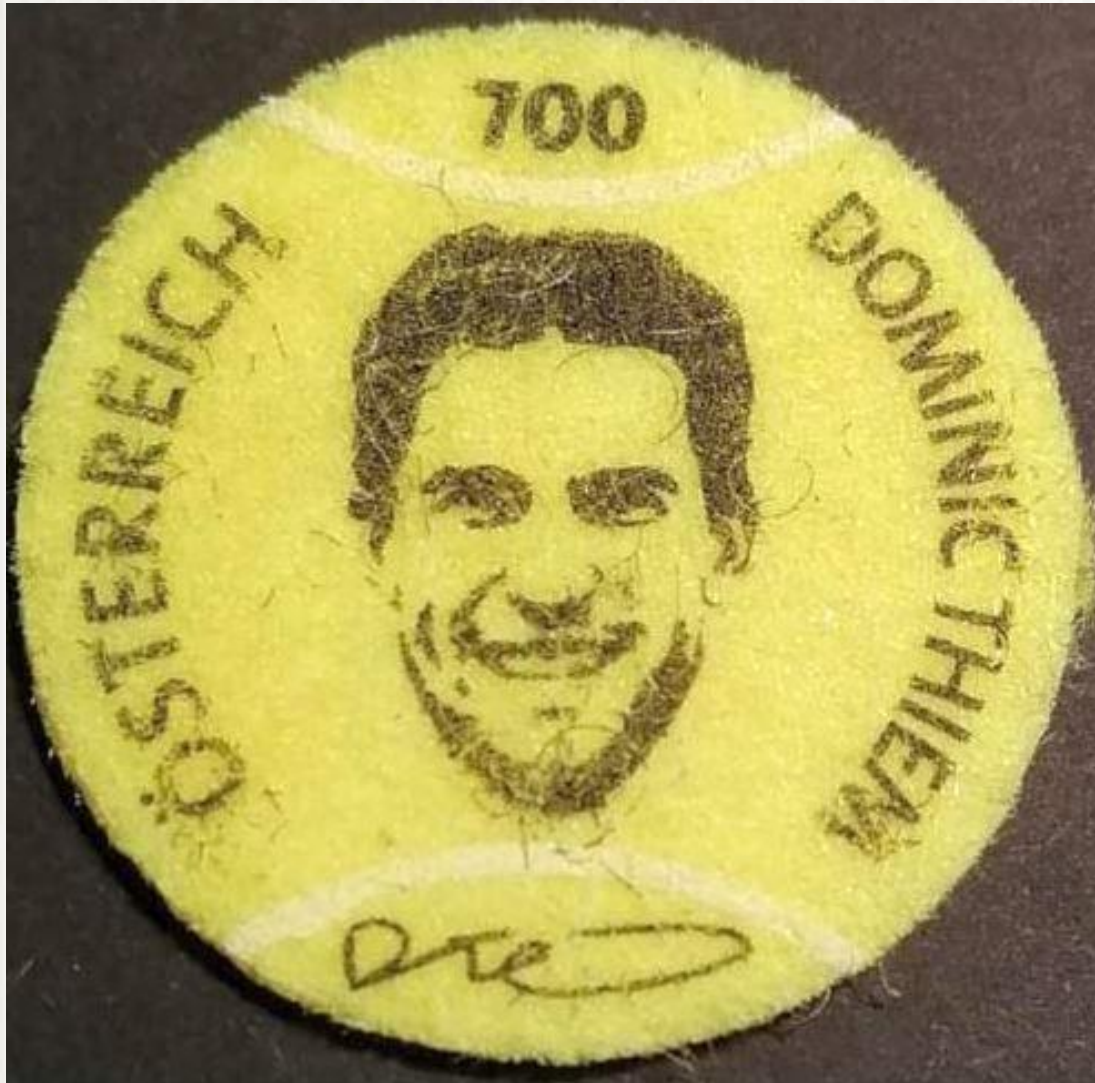


Issue of 1,000

10/25/2021

Austria

Tennis ball felt highlights this stamp honoring Austrian tennis great Dominic Thiem, ranked #3 in the world and winner of the 2020 Grand Slam US Open.



Issue of 150,000

11/04/2021

Switzerland

Depicting
plasters (a.k.a.
bandages),
including their
air holes, this
issue honors 50
years of the
humanitarian
organization
“Doctors Without
Borders.”



11/12/2021

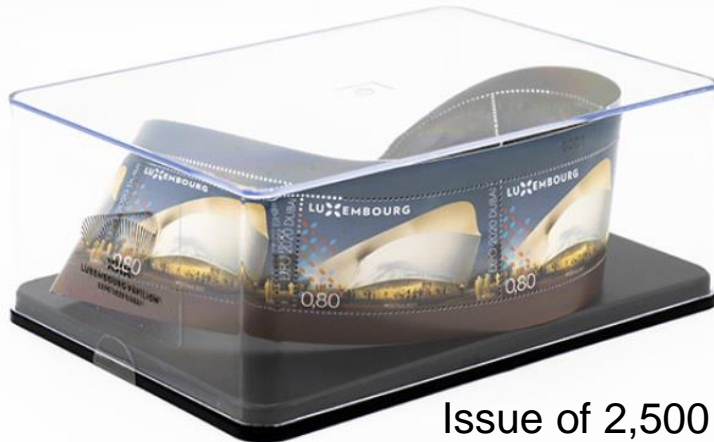
Austria

Continues its series of woven stamp designs with this mitten shaped stamp combining cloth, cotton and polyester preparing for the upcoming winter chill. The textile material was pre-heated before printing to prevent shrinkage. It untypically bears its country's name in English instead of the native German "Österreich."



11/14/2021 Luxembourg

Shaped like a Mobius, Luxembourg issued a stamp in the shape of its pavilion at the United Arab Emirates Expo in Dubai. It was sold in a strip of stamps that replicated the same shape within a clear Plexiglas souvenir container as seen below using 5 €0.80 real stamps on one side, 7 non-denominated images of the design on the other.



Issue of 2,500



Thanks for watching!

There are plenty more unusual stamps from this time period you can see. Here are a few online resources to explore further...

- Blog: <http://philaquelymoi.blogspot.com/>
- Web site: <http://www.eryx.it/dentelli/index.htm>
- Exhibit: <https://www.ottawaphilatelicsociety.org/resources/exhibits/different-and-unusual-stamps/>
- Exhibit: <https://sites.google.com/site/seloshow/concept>
- Singapore Philatelic Museum Exhibition: https://www.nhb.gov.sg/spm/exhibitions/seeing_is_believing_unusual_stamps_2013