

A decorative border consisting of a series of black circles arranged in a rectangular frame around the page.

Stamps

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Components of a Stamp

1. Design
2. Separation
3. Denomination
4. Country Name
(Except UK)





Postage Stamp Design

Design Categories

- Portrait bust - profile or full-face
- Emblem - coat of arms, flag, national symbol, posthorn, etc.
- Numeric - a design built around the numeral of value
- Pictorial



Shape and Size

- Mostly rectangular
- Usual size 10 to 30 mm
- Other shapes possible



Design Failures



- Wrong music sheet
- Wrong statue (Las Vegas instead of New York)
- Insulting to recipient

Propaganda Design



Postage Stamp Separation

Imperforate

- 1840 to 1850
- Cut from sheet by user
- Time-consuming
- Error-prone



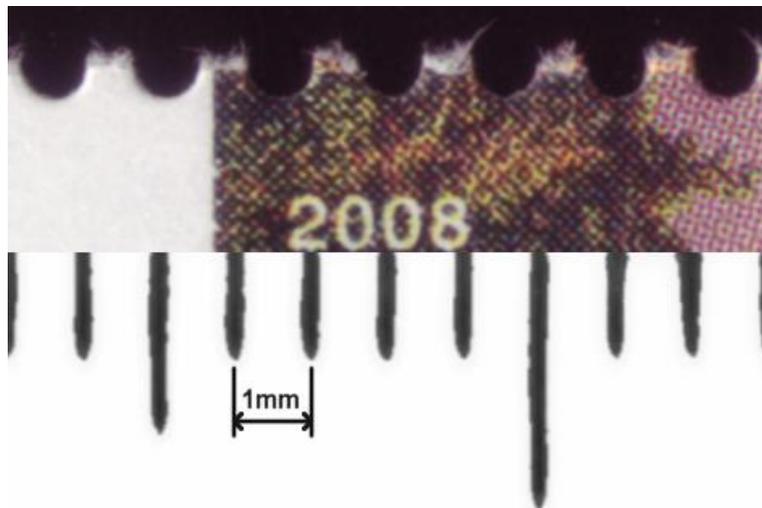
Rouletting

Small cuts along the edge, different angles



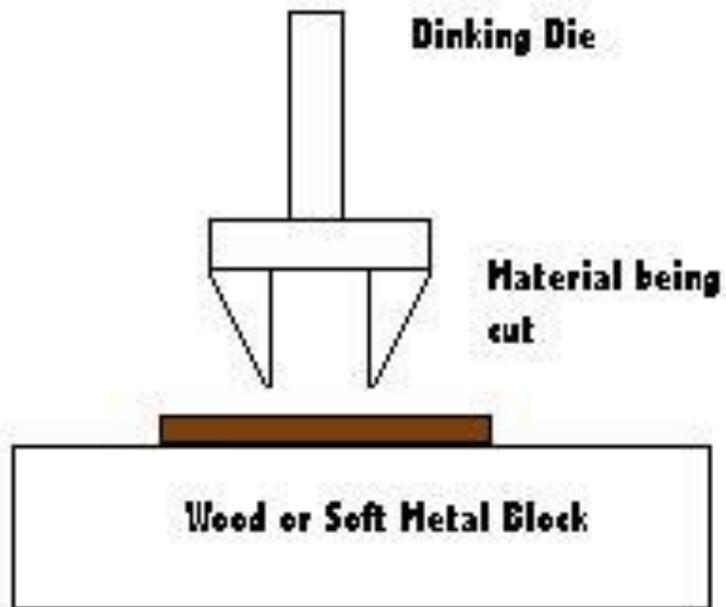
Perforation

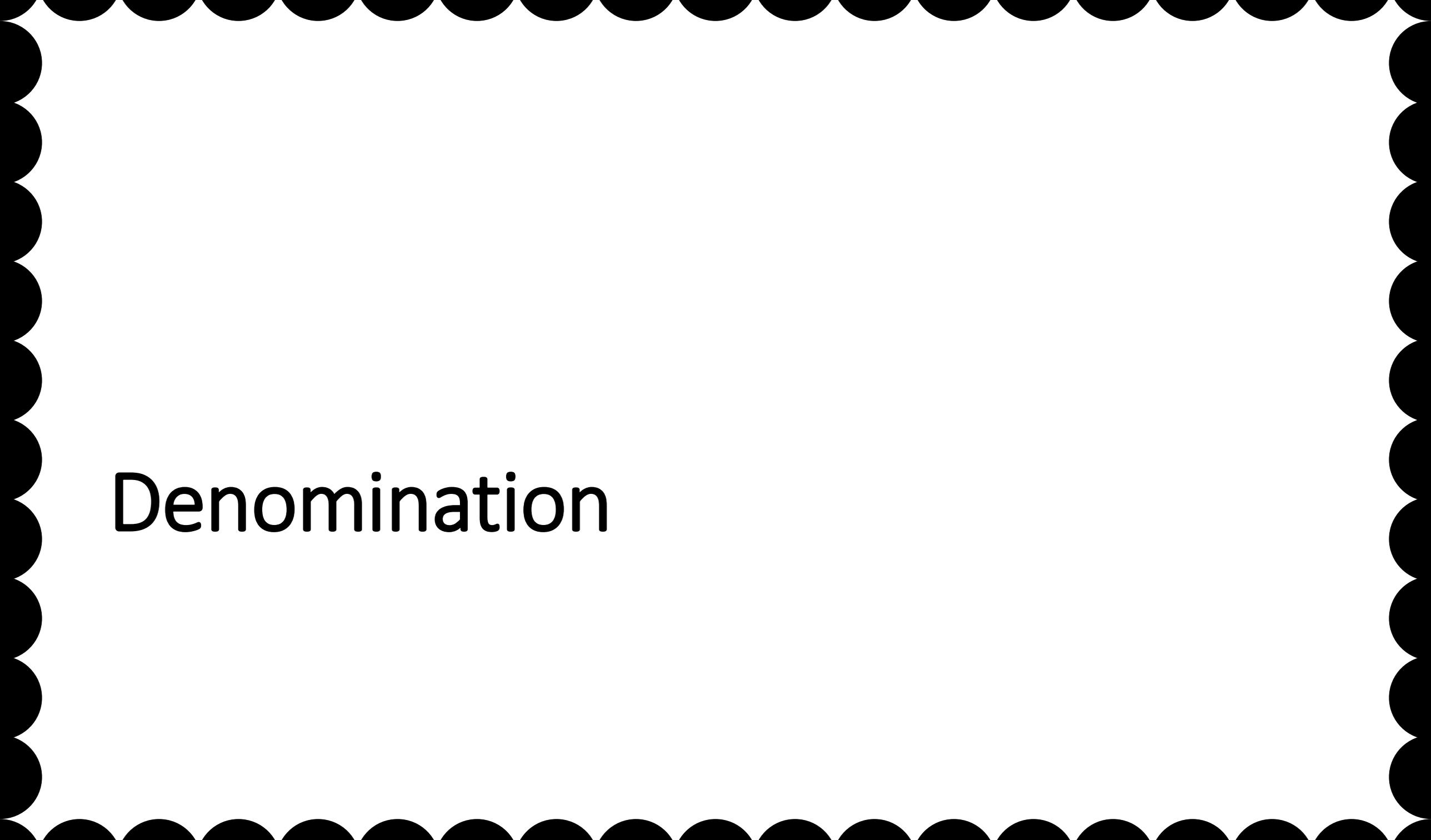
- Most often used method
- Defining the shape of stamps
- Measured by number of holes per 2cm (usually 11-14)



Die Cutting

- Used for self-adhesive stamps
- Often imitating perforations





Denomination

Overprint

- Changing value due to monetary system, inflation, or external influence



Non-Denominated Postage

- Also called non-value indicator (NVI) postage
- Used to keep stamps valid after rate increases



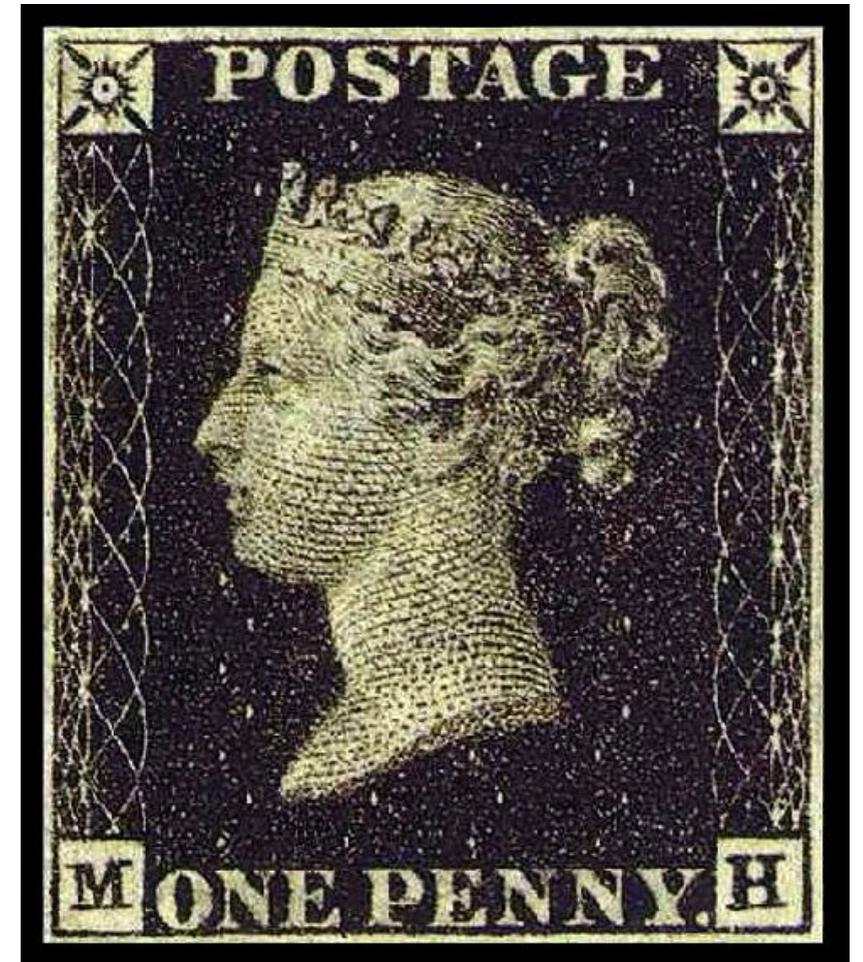
A decorative border consisting of a series of overlapping black circles, creating a scalloped effect around the perimeter of the page.

Notable Stamps

Penny Black

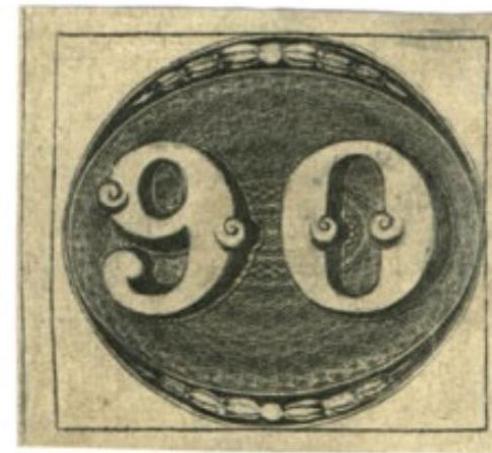
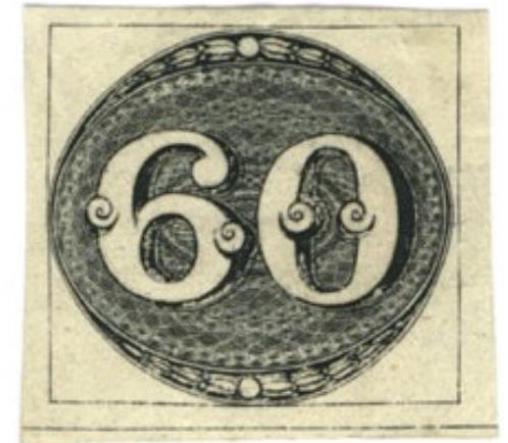
- World's first postage stamp
- Invented by Sir Roland Hill as part of postal system reform
- Beginning of prepaid postage
- Letter up to $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce (14 grams) regardless of distance

Country	United Kingdom
Date	1 May 1840
Face value	1 penny
Current value	\$6,000



Bull's Eye

- First stamp issued by Brazil
- Brazil as second country to issue nation wide postage



Country	Brazil
Date	1 August 1843
Face value	30, 60 and 90 réis
Current value	\$400

Basel Dove

- World's first tricolor stamp



Country	Switzerland
Date	1 July 1845
Face value	2½ rappen
Current value	\$30,000

Mauritius "Post Office" stamps

- About 27 remaining
- Later changed to "Post Paid"



Country	Mauritius
Date	21 Sep 1847
Face value	1 penny / 2 pence
Current value	\$4,000,000

Treskilling Yellow

- “three schilling banco error of color”
- Only one copy is known to exist
- Printed in the wrong color, normally blue-green

Country	Sweden
Date	1855
Face value	3 Swedish skillings
Current value	\$2,300,000



British Guiana 1c magenta

- World's most famous rare stamp
- Only one copy is known to exist



Country	British Guiana
Date	1856
Face value	1c
Current value	\$9,480,000

Inverted Jenny

- 100 stamps exist
- Rare because of invert error

Country	United States
Date	10 May 1918
Face value	24c
Current value	\$977,500



Thanks

