

Thinking Outside the Rectangle

EVER SINCE THE FIRST PENNY BLACK STAMP was issued in 1840, postage stamps have been described as "tiny rectangular pieces of paper."

However, stamps with other shapes abound once you become aware of them.

Simple geometric shapes such as polygons and circles are the most common, but you will also encounter freeform shapes such as die-cuts.

Topical collectors in particular are well catered to!

Take a look at these pages to see what stamp-issuing entities have come up with when "thinking outside the rectangle."

