



## Design

### Aims:

- To learn a process for designing a stamp
- To design a stamp

### Resources:

paper  
coloured pens or pencils



### Activity:

Designs are drawn much larger than stamp size. They are digitally reduced to the correct size. Design your stamp on A4 paper.

- Choose your theme and research the theme to help you decide on a picture that people will associate with.
- The design has to still look good and recognisable when it is reduced to a regular stamp size, therefore keep the design simple.
- Usually it is best to use only three or four colours because more colours in a small area can complicate the design.
- Decide whether there will be any writing on the stamp or is it just a picture.
- First make sketches of your design, then make adjustments.
- Draw your final design.

### Extension:

Free packet of mixed world stamps available to the first 20 who send in their stamp design.

**Details:** Parents or teachers email a good resolution photo or scan of the design stating permission to post the picture. Please provide first name and age. Send to [stampit.asps@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stampit.asps@hotmail.co.uk) with Design in the subject title. Pictures will be featured on the website for a limited period. The first 20 will receive a packet of mixed world stamps. It would be lovely to see designs from around the world but the offer of the stamps is only available to the UK due to postage costs. **If you wish to receive the stamps then please provide a postal address.** Your details will only be used to send the stamps and will not be stored in any database. Only the first 20 designs from the UK will receive the offer. A confirmation email will be sent.

**Note:** This is a free give-away to the first to send in their designs. It is not a competition. Please read details. Some of the 'Stamp over October' activities are give-aways for the first entrants and some are competitions.

