

# Stamp Collecting

A Timeless Hobby for Everyone

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# What is Philately?

Stamp collecting—or "philately"—is a rewarding hobby suitable for nearly all ages.

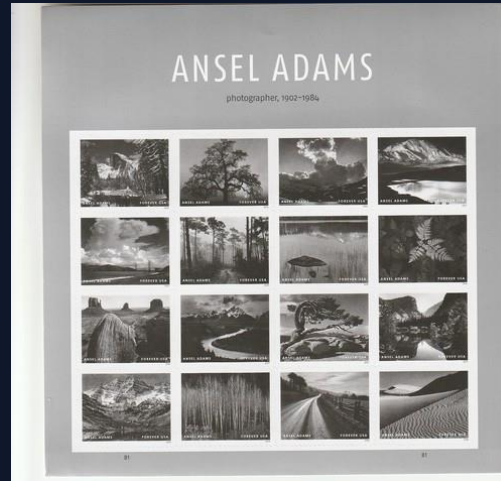
- Collect stamps from any country or time period
- Learn history, geography, culture, and art
- Organize by theme, country, or era
- Join a community of fellow collectors

# Why Collect Stamps?

- Educational—stamps teach geography and history
- Creative—organize collections by personal interest
- Affordable—start small, grow over time
- Social—connect with other collectors

# Main Types of Stamps

- **Definitive stamps** — regular postage, commonly used
- **Commemorative stamps** — issued for special events and anniversaries
- **Special stamps** — holidays, airmail, postage due



# Getting Started

- Choose a collection theme (country, era, topic)
- Start with used stamps from envelopes or bulk packets
- Invest in basic tools
- Join a local stamp club for guidance

# Essential Equipment

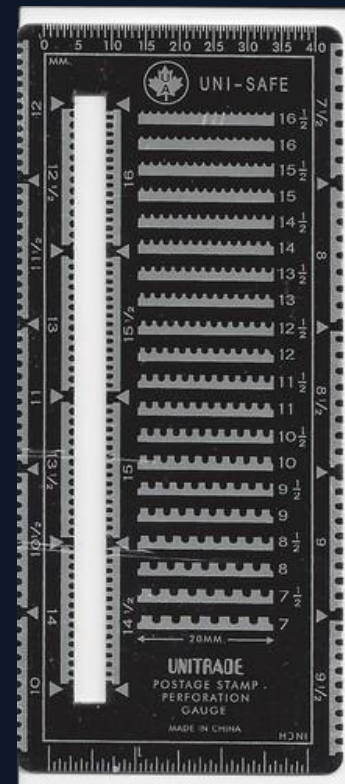
## For Organization

Album or stockbook, Hinges, Tweezers, Watermark tray and fluid



Dennison stamp Hinges list on ebay For about 30.00


Don't be fooled by "dennisEn" Newer hinges just aren't as good.



# Essential Equipment

## For Reference

Catalogue (Scott for US), Magnifier, Color guide



**SCOTT**  
STANDARD  
**POSTAGE STAMP**  
CATALOGUE

2022 | VOL. 4A  
JL

NEW LOW PRICE

Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue 2022: Countries J-M (4A-4B)  
Pre-Owned

**\$24.63**

Buy It Now  
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### 2026 SCOTT CATALOGUE VOLUME 1-6 SET

Item: C26SET

✓ All Items Are In Stock

Retail	\$959.94
<b>AA Price</b>	<b>\$707.94</b>
You save: \$252.00 (26 %)	

Add to cart

# Acquiring Your Stamps

- Save stamps from your own mail
- Buy bulk "kiloware" stamps sorted by weight
- Attend local stamp shows and dealer tables
- Visit online marketplaces (eBay, HipStamp, StampWorld)

# Caring for Your Collection

- Handle stamps with stamp tongs, not fingers
- Use acid-free albums to prevent damage
- Store in cool, dry place away from moisture
- Older stamps (pre-1940) tend to be more valuable

# Collecting Tips

- Start small—collect what interests you
  - Focus on condition and rarity over cost
  - Group stamps by country, era, or theme
  - Keep a catalogue for reference and valuation
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- **Search on YouTube for:**
    - **Inherited stamp collection? - What to do**
    - **Silk on the web**
    - **Ted talks stamps**
    - **Ken's Stamp Collection**

# Online resources

<https://colnect.com/en/stamps/identify>

Image search online.. Also catalog.



**Title:** 1878 HONDURAS Sc#31 President Francisco Morazan MLH OG VF

**Description:** We will do our best to resolve the problem.

**Price:** USD 1.33

**Seller:** archisell, feedback score: 5387 (99.6%)

**Shipping cost:** USD 3.99

**Item location:** Pompano Beach, United States of America



**Title:** 1878 HONDURAS Sc#35 President Francisco Morazan used NG VF RR

**Description:** We will do our best to resolve the problem.

**Price:** USD 19.93

**Seller:** archisell, feedback score: 5387 (99.6%)

**Shipping cost:** USD 3.99

**Item location:** Pompano Beach, United States of America

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Stamp catalog > Image search

Search catalog by image

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Stamp catalog : Stamp > General José Francisco Morazán Quezada (1792-1842)

Country: Honduras

Series: General José Francisco Morazán Quezada

Catalog codes: Michel HN 16  
Stamp Number HN 31  
Yvert et Teller HN 15  
Stanley Gibbons HN 32

Themes: Famous People | Generals | Men

Issued on: 1878-06

Colors: Brown

Format: Stamp

Emission: Definitive

Perforation: line 12

Printing: Recess

Face value: 2 c - Honduran centavo

Score: 26% Accuracy: High

Buy Now: Find similar items on eBay

Sell this item

# Online resources

US Stamp prior to 1940

<https://www.theswedishtiger.com/ID.html>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying [www.theswedishtiger.com/ID.html](https://www.theswedishtiger.com/ID.html). The browser's bookmark bar includes items like 'Getting Started', 'New folder', 'Member Secure Appli...', 'myCalPERS', 'Accounts', 'LTCG Portal', 'Paramount Plus - Stre...', 'CC Young', and 'Other Bookmarks'. The website's navigation menu contains 'Home', 'Stamp Identifier', 'Buy Catalog', 'Quick Navigate', 'Great Britain', and 'About'.

The main content area has a dark background with the text: **Click on a stamp to identify it**  
*Please refresh the page if all the images do not show*

Below the text is a grid of 16 historical US postage stamps, arranged in two rows of eight. The stamps feature various denominations and designs, including portraits of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. The denominations shown are 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100 cents.

Row	Stamp 1	Stamp 2	Stamp 3	Stamp 4	Stamp 5	Stamp 6	Stamp 7	Stamp 8
1	5c, George Washington	10c, George Washington	15c, Benjamin Franklin	20c, George Washington	25c, George Washington	30c, Benjamin Franklin	35c, George Washington	40c, George Washington
2	50c, George Washington	60c, George Washington	70c, Benjamin Franklin	80c, George Washington	90c, George Washington	100c, George Washington	100c, George Washington	

# Online resources

Google Lens

Image search online..

The screenshot shows a Google search result for a 1878 Honduras postage stamp. The search bar contains the text "Add to your search". Below the search bar, the "AI Overview" section provides a description: "This is a 1878 Honduras 1/2r black postage stamp featuring a portrait of President Francisco Morazán." To the left of the text are four images: a profile portrait of Francisco Morazán, a full-length portrait, a bust, and a close-up of the stamp's perforations. To the right, there are three product listings from HipStamp, Pinterest, and eBay, each showing a different version of the stamp. The HipStamp listing is for a green stamp, the Pinterest listing is for a black stamp, and the eBay listing is for a blue stamp. A "Show all" button is located at the bottom of the product listings.

www.google.com/search?vsrid=CJ2DnYzo497A2AEQAhgBliRhMzNi

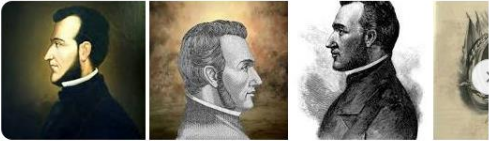
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Google Add to your search

AI Mode **All** Exact matches Products Visual matches About this image Feedback

◆ AI Overview

This is a 1878 Honduras 1/2r black postage stamp featuring a portrait of President Francisco Morazán.



- **Country:** Honduras
- **Year of Issue:** 1878
- **Denomination:** 1/2 real (Medio Real)
- **Subject:** José Francisco Morazán Quesada, a Central American political figure
- **Printer:** National Bank Note Company Printing

HONDURAS 1878 1/2r  
President Morazan Issu...  
HONDURAS - 1878 1/2r Black  
President Francisco Moraza...  
HipStamp

1878 Honduras -  
Francisco Morazan -...  
Nov 3, 2017 — Honduras  
Stamps Value Francisco...  
Pinterest · dtabul

1878 HONDURAS Sc#30  
President Francisco...  
+ 50C for each addition lot.  
Regular Shipping:3.99\$...  
eBay

Show all

# Online resources

<https://www.stampworld.com/en/>

**StampWorld**  
The most complete stamp catalogue in the world...

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Postal Services

**Events**

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CANPEX 2021 - April 7-30	Mohamedicc	29 min ago
Minnesota Stamp Expo 2021 ...	Alazne	38 min ago
Great American Stamp Show ...	toxliqu	61 min ago
Philanippion 2021 - Aug 25-30	drwov	70 min ago
BALPEX 2021 - Sept 3-5	gilles moirard	77 min ago
ABPS Autumn Stampex 2021	Shagdad	97 min ago
IPEX 2021 - Nov 9-13	marehr	119 min ago
	MottAdrian	2 hours ago
	Cfighter	2 hours ago

**New Users**

**How To Help**

- Translations
- New Issues
- Upload Pictures
- Translations
- New Issues
- Upload Pictures
- Add Stamp Info
- Add Stamp Variants
- Register Plates and Forgeries
- Register Information

**STAMPWORLD ACTIVITY**

Total Members: 699,480  
New Members Today: 44  
Stamps For Sale: 9,523,429  
Added For Sale Today: 4,213

**Latest stamps for sale:**  
9 minutes ago

Price: EUR 0.40  
144 - German Empire 1920 - Postage stamps  
[Click to view](#)

# Online resources

<https://www.stampworld.com/en/>

WM: 1 Design: Thomas Francis Morris. Engraving: Bureau of Engraving & Printing. Perforation: 12



No.	Type D	Color	Description	img	***	#	✉					
213	BW3 1C	deep green	(5 bill)	25.00	10.00	0.50	-	EUR			Buy	Sell
214	BZ2 4C	rose brown	(153 mill)	80.00	30.00	3.00	-	EUR			Buy	Sell
214a*	BZ3 4C	lilac brown		80.00	30.00	3.00	-	EUR			Buy	Sell
214b*	BZ4 4C	orange brown		80.00	30.00	3.00	-	EUR			Buy	Sell
215	CA2 5C	dark blue	(280 mill)	100	30.00	2.00	-	EUR			Buy	Sell
216	CB3 6C	lake	(46 mill)	175	50.00	6.00	-	EUR			Buy	Sell
216a*	CB4 6C	purple brown		200	60.00	12.00	-	EUR			Buy	Sell
217	CD2 10C	brown	(42 mill)	600	200	6.00	-	EUR			Buy	Sell
217a*	CD3 10C	orange brown	(65 mill)	500	175	5.00	-	EUR			Buy	Sell
218	CE2 15C	olive green	(16 mill)	600	175	10.00	-	EUR			Buy	Sell
213-218			Set (* Stamp not included in this set)	1,580	495	27.50	-	EUR			Buy	Sell

# Online resources

<https://www.stampalbums.com/default.asp>

Referred to as the Steiner pages. Some free pages, subscription is 50 per year.

<https://www.thestampweb.com/albumeasy>

AlbumEasy - free software for creating custom stamp album pages. Has many premade pages.

<https://thestampforum.boards.net>

Stamp bulletin board

<https://www.stampcollectingsoftware.com/index.htm>

StampManage. Stamp database. 89.95 annual update 29.95 (it's what I use)

<https://www.betweentheperfs.com/MCSC>

Mid-Cities Stamp club newsletters (Dallas TX)

# Online resources

<https://www.stampcommunity.org/>

Stamp Community forum

<https://stampforgeries.com/>

Stamp forgeries of the world

<https://www.wizardcoinsupply.com/products/stamp-collecting-supplies/>

Stamp Supplies

<https://stamporama.com/>

Stamp club. Free

<https://stamps.org/>

American Philatelic Society

# Online resources

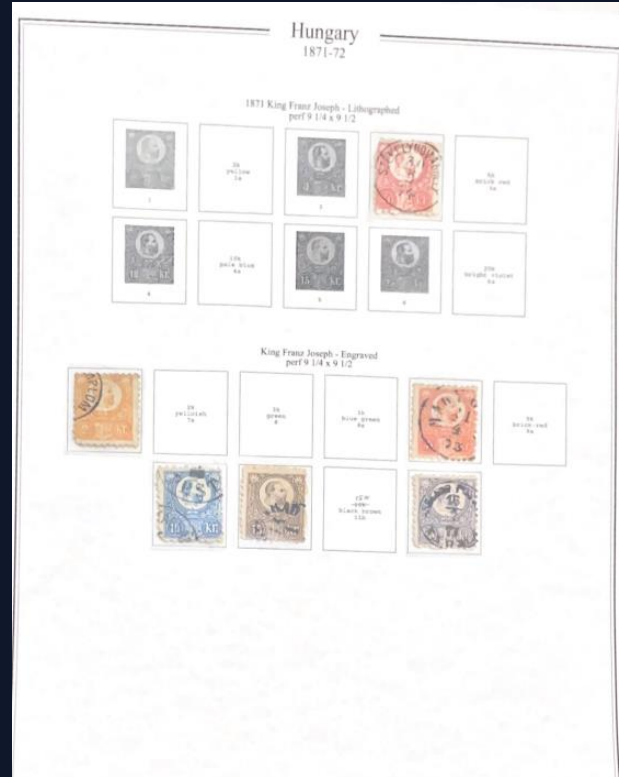
- <https://www.kenmorestamp.com/us-stamp-identifier/>
- U.S. Stamp Identifier
  
- <https://stampsmarter.org/1847usa/1847Home.html>
- Stamp Smarter

# Join the Hobby Community

- Local stamp clubs offer trading and mentorship
- Stamp shows and exhibitions showcase rare finds
- Online communities (r/philately, StampWorld)
- Libraries have philatelic reference books

# Examples and Demos.

Childhood Page vs current computer page



# Examples and Demos.

Without watermark fluid, with watermark fluid Same stamp design.



## Examples and Demos.

- Use Stamp Manage
- Use Album Easy
- Use USB Microscope

# Happy Collecting!

Questions?

Stamps are miniature gateways to the world

Want some stamps to start your collection or a copy the slides ?  
Email [stamps@bkworms.com](mailto:stamps@bkworms.com).