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The Former Soviet Union New Issues Web Site - **<http://home.nestor.minsk.by/fsunews/index.html>**



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Signs of the Zodiac

Ares



Taurus



Gemini



Cancer



Leo



Virgo



Libra



Scorpio



Sagittarius



Capricorn



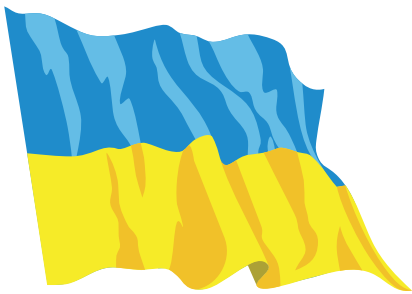
Aquarius



Pisces



The Zodiac is made up of 12 different sun signs. Your date of birth determines which one you are. The date ranges for the 12 signs are: Aries - March 21 - April 20, Taurus - April 21 - May 21, Gemini - May 22 - June 21, Cancer - June 22 - July 22, Leo - July 23 - August 21, Virgo - August 22 - September 23, Libra - September 24 - October 23, Scorpio - October 24 - November 22, Sagittarius - November 23 - December 22, Capricorn - December 23 - January 20, Aquarius - January 21 - February 19, Pisces - February 20 - March 20.



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2008 Summer Olympics



The 2008 Olympics were held in Beijing, China. Archery, Fencing, Cycling and Rowing were features on these commemorative stamps.

Paintings of Taras Shevchenko



Valentine's Day Vanity Stamp



The 2008 Valentines Day stamp features roses, hearts and feathers. Like other vanity stamp issues, there was a label to the right of the stamp where customers could have a custom label printed.

Europa - Letter Writing

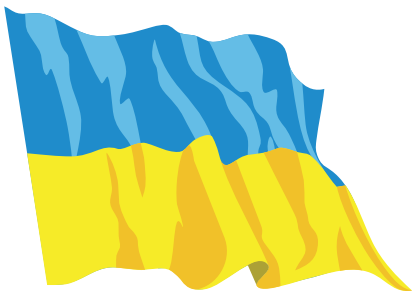


The 2008 Europa theme was "Letter Writing." Ukraine's Europa stamps show a man writing a letter with a quill pen on the left, and a man composing a letter on a computer on the right.

Three paintings of Taras Shevchenko, one of Ukraine's most prominent writers, were featured on stamps. The three stamps were: "Gypsy Fortune-Teller" - 1842, "Kateryna" - 1841, and a self portrait from 1840.



The 2008 Europa stamp was also issued in booklet form.



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Mykola Hohol



Mykola Hohol was a Ukrainian dramatist, novelist and short story writer. This se-tenant pair shows Hohol and his writing instruments on the left, and a scene from his famous work "Taras Bulba" on the right.

Easter

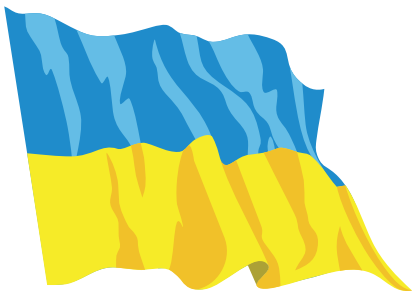


This stamp portrays a mother leading her children to church to bless their Easter basket. The phrase "Christ Is Risen!", a traditional Ukrainian Easter greeting is also printed on the stamp.

Dogs



6 different breeds of domestic dogs are featured on this miniature sheet: Top row left - Smooth-haired dachshund, Top row middle - American bulldog, Top row right - Rotweiler, Bottom row left - Chow-chow, Bottom row middle - Standard Schnauzer, Bottom row right - German Shepherd.



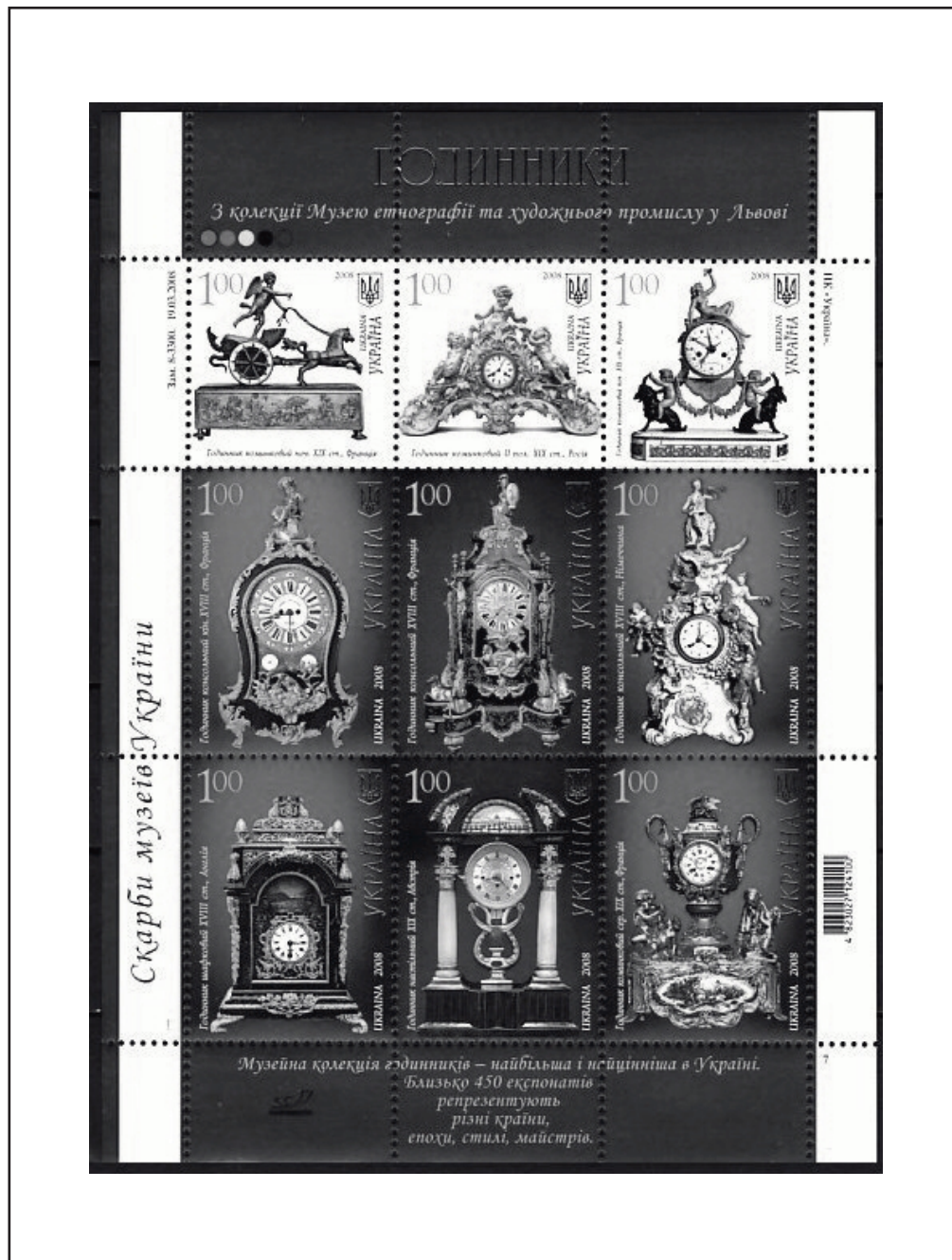
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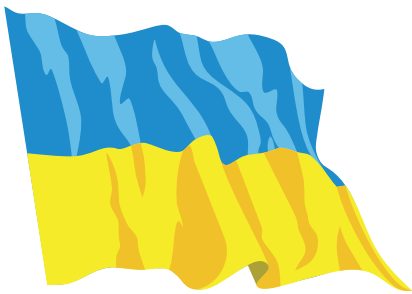
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Clocks



9 different antique clocks are shown on this miniature sheet: First row left side: - French upright clock, beginning of 19 century; First row middle side: - Russian upright clock, second half of the 19 century; First row right side: - French upright clock, beginning of 19 century; Second row left side: - French console clock, end of 18 century; Second row middle: - French console clock, 18 century; Second row right side: - German console clock, 18 century; Third row left side: - English cabinet clock, 18 century; Third row middle: - Austrian table clock, 19 century; Third row right side: - French upright clock, middle of 19 century.



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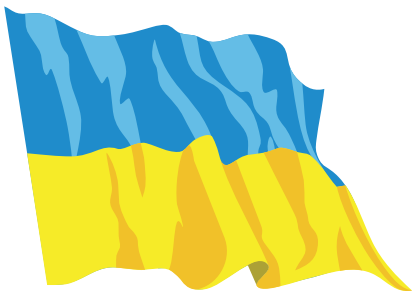
Cats

6 different domestic cat breeds are featured on this miniature sheet: Top row left - Persian, Top row middle - Selkirk Rex, Top row right - Exotic short-hair, Bottom row left - Burmese, Bottom row middle - Siamese, Bottom row right - Kuril bobtail.

Crimean Nature Reserve

The Crimean Nature Reserve is located in the central part of the mountainous Crimea. The Nature Reserve was established 150 years ago and first intended for imperial hunting, then became a hunting field for the Soviet leaders and foreign guests of the State. It is closed to the public.





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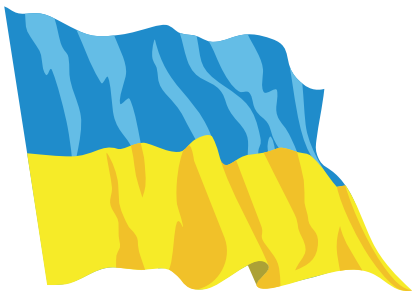
First Ukrainian Postage Stamps



Two different souvenir sheets were issued to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the first Ukrainian postage stamps. The first sheet has 2 stamps designed by Antin Sereda. The sheet has 2 of his stamps from 1918: Trident and Rising Sun, and Farm Worker with Scythe. The sheet also features two labels, one featuring a picture of the artist.

The second sheet has 3 stamps designed by Heorhiy Narbut: Ukrainian Trident, a plain denominational stamp, and a Ukrainian peasant girl. A label with a picture of the artist was also included.





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St. Michael's Golden Domed Monastery

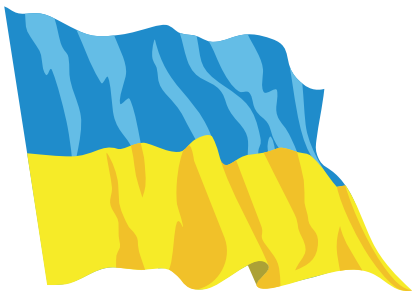


St. Michael's Golden Domed Monastery is a functioning monastery in Kiev, the capital of Ukraine. Originally built in the Middle Ages by Sviatopolk II Izyaslavych, the monastery comprises the Cathedral itself, the Refectory of St. John the Divine, built in 1713, the Economic Gates, constructed in 1760 and the monastery's bell tower, which was added circa 1716-1719. The exterior of the structure was rebuilt in the Ukrainian Baroque style in the 18th century while the interior remained in its original Byzantine style. The original cathedral was demolished by the Soviet authorities in the 1930s, but was reconstructed and opened in 1999 following Ukrainian independence.

Diesel Locomotives

The TEP10 Locomotive (upper-left) was converted from the TE10 locomotive to pull passenger cars. It's top speed was increased to 140 km/h. The 2TE10L (upper-right) is a twin locomotive used to haul cargo. The M62 locomotive (lower-left) was built to haul heavy freight trains. The TE109 (lower-right) is a heavy freight diesel locomotive, nicknamed the "ludmilla."





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Ukrainian Songs



4 different stamps were issued depicting various Ukrainian folk songs. The first stamp was issued for Christmas carols, the second for Hahilky (Easter/Spring songs), the third for Cossack songs, and the fourth for Chumak (salt-trader) songs.

Jewels



This joint issue with the country of Azerbaijan features 2 stamps with a label in the middle. The left stamp shows an earring from the 12th century, The right stamp shows a gold pendant from the 19th century. A label with both countries flags on it connects the two stamps.

11th Annual Philatelic Exhibition



The 11th Annual Ukrainian Philatelic Exhibition was held in Chernivtsi, Ukraine.



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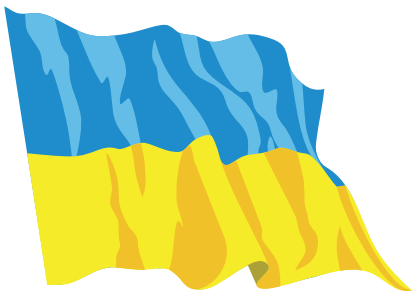
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Swedish-Ukrainian Military Alliance



Sweden negotiated alliances with Ukrainian Cossacks on two different occasions. In 1651, Hetman Bohdan Khmelnytsky was able to negotiate a treaty with Sweden against the Poles. In 1708 Hetman Ivan Mazepa negotiated a treaty with Sweden and waged a war against the Russian Tsar with Sweden's help.



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Chernivtsi



Chernivtsi is a cultural center of western Ukraine. The city is also considered one of modern Ukraine's greatest cultural, educational and architectural centers. Historically in that role, Chernivtsi was even dubbed "Little Vienna," and "Jerusalem upon the Prut". Chernivtsi is currently twinned with seven other cities around the world. This stamp celebrates its 600 anniversary.

Baturyn Tragedy



In 1648, the town of Baturyn was transformed into a Cossack regional center. On November 13, 1708, Baturyn was sacked and razed by the Russian army and all of its inhabitants were slaughtered. Historian Serhiy Pavlenko estimates that 6-7.5 thousand civilians and 5-6.5 thousand military personnel were murdered.

Marko Vovchok



Marko Vovchok was the pen name of Ukrainian writer Mariya Vilinska. Her works ushered in an era of Ukrainian Realism in literary works; describing scenes of peasant life.

New Year



The New Year stamp shows an angel giving out gifts from a horn-of-plenty.

Viacheslav Chornovil



Viacheslav Chornovil was a Ukrainian politician. A prominent Ukrainian dissident to the Soviet policies, he was arrested multiple times in the 1960s and 1970s for his political views. A long-time advocate of Ukrainian independence, he was one of the most prominent political figures of the late 1980s and early 1990s who paved the path of the contemporary Ukraine to its independence.

Christmas



The 2008 Christmas stamp shows an angel playing a flute.



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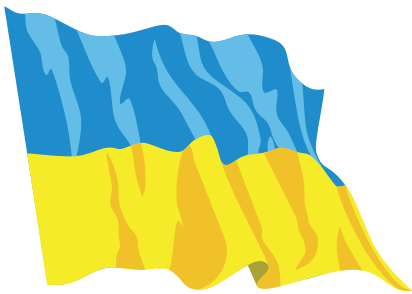
Wedding Headdress



The 2008 Traditional Headdress stamps show the following: the top row left stamp - married woman's cap and kerchief, Cherkasy Region; the top row middle stamp - headscarf, Ternopil Region; the top row right stamp - wedding head wear, Ternopil Region; the second row left stamp - headband and scarf, Rivne Region; the second row middle stamp - "crown of thorns" kerchief, Hutsul Region; the second row right stamp - head scarf and kerchief, Lemko Region; the third row left stamp - wedding head wear, Pokutyia Region; the third row middle stamp - headscarf, Rivne Region; the third row right stamp - cotton pill-box hat and kerchief, Lviv Region; the bottom row left stamp - men's hat, Hutsul Region; the bottom row middle stamp - married woman's cap, Lviv Region; the bottom row right stamp - men's "magerka" head wear, Rivne Region.

Traditional Headdress





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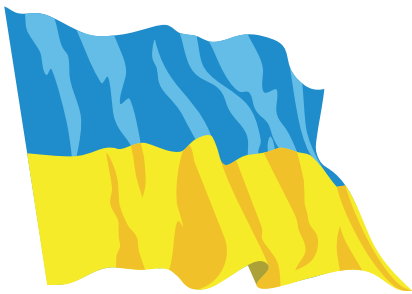
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Traditional Costumes



The 2008 Traditional Costumes stamps show the following costumes and holidays: top-left stamp - Crimea (Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ), top-right - Crimea (Baptism), middle-left - Dnipropetrovshchyna Region (Church Wedding Ceremony, middle-right - Dnipropetrovshchyna Region (Harvest Festival), bottom-left - Luhanshchyna Region (Feast of Cyrilus and Metodiyi), bottom-right - Luhanshchyna Region (Feast of the Miracle-worker).



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Traditional Costumes



The traditional costumes stamps were also issued as a souvenir sheet. The stamps on the sheet are the same size as the sheet se-tenants, but but are perforated 13 1/4.



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7th Definitive Series

Straw Horse



Whistle



Glass Water Jug



Clay Pipe



Spinning Wheel



Braided Water Bottle



Ceramic Water Bottle



Wooden Ladle



Clay Pot



Glass Jug



Candelabra



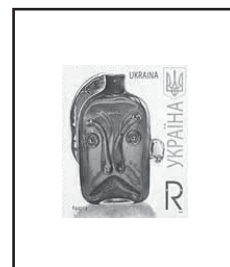
Clay Bull



Inkwell



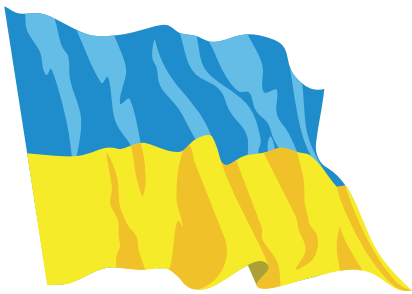
Glass Water Bottle



Doll



The 2008 issue of the 7th Definitive Series is the same as the previous year, except they are microprinted 2008.



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7th Definitive Series Type II

Whistle



Glass Water Jug



Clay Pipe



Braided Water
Bottle



Ceramic Water
Bottle



Clay Pot



Glass Jug



7th Definitive Series Type III

Whistle



Glass Water Jug



Ceramic Water
Bottle



7th Definitive Series Type IV

Glass Water Jug



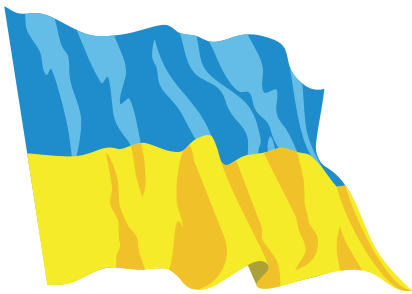


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