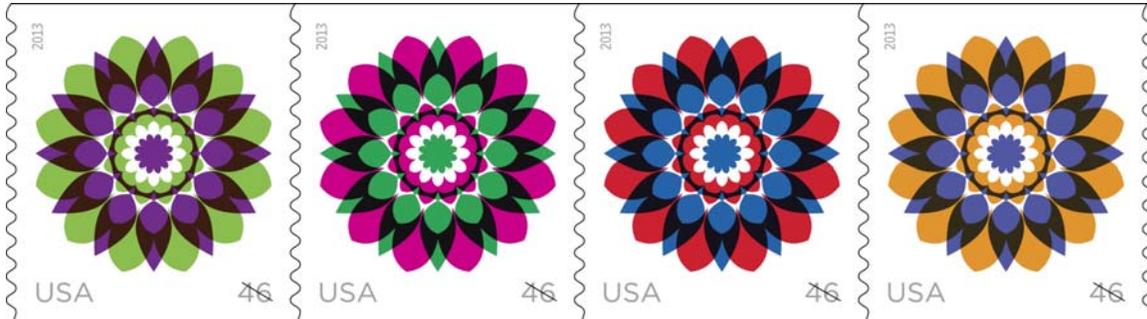




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Postal Service Accepting Pre-Orders for Kaleidoscope Stamps

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WASHINGTON — Flowers are one of the most popular subjects in art — and on stamps. With the issuance of Kaleidoscope Flowers on Jan. 27, the Postal Service continues its tradition of issuing beautiful yet unique 46 cent floral stamps that are good for mailing domestic 1-ounce First-Class letters.

Available in coils of 10,000, customers may pre-order the stamps now to prepare for the one-cent price change at usps.com/stamps, or by phone at 800-Stamp24 (800-782-6724) for delivery a few days following the Jan. 27 issuance.

The bold and bright designs present one contemporary flower drawing repeated on four stamps, with each stamp featuring one of four different color combinations.

Customers may view the Kaleidoscope stamps, as well as many of next year's other stamps on Facebook at facebook.com/USPSStamps, on Twitter [@USPSStamps](https://twitter.com/USPSStamps) or on the website *Beyond the Perf* at beyondtheperf.com/2013-preview. Beyond the Perf is the Postal Service's online site for information on upcoming stamp subjects, first-day-of-issue events and other philatelic news.

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magazines ranked the Postal Service as a leader in workforce diversity. The Postal Service has been named the Most Trusted Government Agency for six years and the sixth Most Trusted Business in the nation by the Ponemon Institute.

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