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U.S. Postal Service Offers Last-Minute Gift Ideas *There's Still Time to Greet, Gift and Mail*

WASHINGTON — Need last-minute gifts? Customers who are too busy to shop this holiday season — or those who simply waited until the last minute — can send [Holiday Greeting Cards](#) and [American Express Gift Cards](#) to their family and friends. There is still time to find the perfect greeting card, add an American Express Gift Card and mail it. With the help of a local Post Office, last-minute holiday shopping lists can be checked off with one convenient stop.

This year, the Postal Service is offering 28 individual holiday greeting card designs, 12 holiday boxed greeting card designs and one stationery design — all ideal for sending holiday greetings, letting loved ones know you care or recognizing someone's special efforts. The greetings cards are available in select Post Offices nationwide.

Customers can add a gift card for an extra touch. American Express Gift Cards are sold in 5,000 Post Offices and available in \$25 and \$50 denominations, or any value between \$25 and \$100. Customers can buy up to \$500 in American Express Gift Cards per day and funds are available four hours after purchase. Industry standard purchase charges apply.

"For last minute shoppers, we are highlighting the postal products and services that make holidays less stressful, less hectic — and yes, simpler — for our customers," said [Kelly Sigmon](#), vice president, Channel Access. "What could be easier than picking up a greeting card, enclosing an American Express Gift card, mailing it off and you're done," she said. "You've still got time."

It's Dec. 21 and you still need to mail? Use [The Priority Mail Gift Card Flat Rate Envelope](#). Big enough for even oversized greeting cards, it comes with a special pouch inside the envelope to house a gift card. And since it's a Priority Mail Flat Rate envelope, you get 2- to 3-day expedited service to domestic addresses for the low, flat rate of \$5.15.

It's Dec. 22 and you still forgot Aunt Sue? Problem solved when you use the Postal Service's speediest offering, [Express Mail](#) to deliver packages guaranteed overnight to most locations. Express Mail service

offers delivery 365 days a year with no Saturday delivery charges, residential surcharges or fuel surcharges. Sunday and holiday delivery is available to many ZIP Codes. Express Mail pricing is competitive and customers save even more when they ship online. To find the guaranteed delivery times for [Express Mail](#) items, [click here](#). Express Mail always includes insurance up to \$100 at no extra charge.

Busy shoppers can relax — there's still time to shop and ship by visiting a Post Office or shopping online at usps.com/holiday.

To find a Post Office location near you that offers American Express Gift Cards for sale [click here](#).

Customers can visit the [Postal Service Holiday Blog](#) for additional holiday mailing and shipping tips, and get the best advice from resident holiday experts for sending holiday cards, letters and packages this holiday season. New insights are regularly posted to help customers sail through this busy and joyous season.



The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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