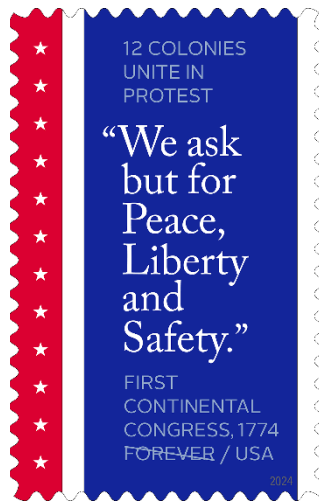




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### Peace, Liberty and Postage Stamps

- What:** Sept. 5, 1774, marked a turning point in the lead-up to the American Revolution as the First Continental Congress convened at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia. In honor of the 250th anniversary of the compact, the U.S. Postal Service will release First Continental Congress, 1774, a Forever stamp commemorating the gathering and its place in our nation's history.
- The first-day-of-issue event for the First Continental Congress, 1774, stamp is free and open to the public. News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtag **#FirstContinentalCongressStamp**.
- Who:** The Honorable Roman Martinez IV, chairman, U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors
- Michael Norris, executive director, Carpenters' Hall
- When:** Thursday, Sept. 5, at 11 a.m. ET
- Where:** [Carpenters' Hall](#)  
320 Chestnut St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19106
- RSVP:** Attendees are encouraged to register at: [usps.com/firstcontinentalcongress](https://usps.com/firstcontinentalcongress).
- Background:** The formation of the First Continental Congress was one of the first indications that a new government — and ultimately, a new nation — was emerging. Participation in the compact by the Colonies laid the groundwork for what would become democracy as we know it.

The new Forever stamp will honor the 56 delegates from 12 Colonies who joined together to advocate for equality, eventually earning our nation's independence.

The stamp art, evocative of the U.S. flag, is dominated by a vertical blue band bordered on either side by white stripes. Text at the top of the band reads: "12 COLONIES UNITE IN PROTEST." The center features the congress's plea to King George III: "We ask but for Peace, Liberty and Safety." The title of the stamp — "FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, 1774" — appears at the bottom. A red stripe with 12 white stars representing the number of Colonies that participated in the Congress delineates the left side.

Antonio Alcalá served as art director, designer and typographer for this stamp.

The First Continental Congress, 1774, stamp will be issued in panes of 20. As Forever stamps, they will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce price.

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