

The
Lunar New Year
Stamps
of
Canada

Lunar New Year Issues of Canada

This collection displays the stamps issued by Canada to celebrate the beginning of the Lunar New Year, as observed by many Asian nations and their people who have made North America their home.

The Chinese New Year, in its literal translation, Spring Festival, is actually a lunisolar year with the starting date adjusted annually to keep it correlated with the seasons rather than progressing through the year, unlike the Islamic and Hebrew calendars. The first day of each year falls somewhere between January 21 and February 19 of the Gregorian calendar.

The Canadian Lunar, or Chinese, New Year issues began in 1997 with a single stamp and the related souvenir sheet for each successive year. The domestic rate and the rate to the United States were both represented. As time passed, booklets were introduced in addition to sheet stamps and a new type of souvenir sheet called a transition sheet appeared with stamps of both the incoming and outgoing years on it. Recently, postcards in both domestic and international rates have been added to the assortment of issues for the holiday.



Chicken - 雞 - jī



Dog - 狗 - gǒu



Pig - 豬 - zhū



Horse - 馬 - mǎ



Ram - 羊 - yáng



Tiger - 虎 - hǔ



Dragon - 龍 - lóng



Rabbit - 兔 - tù



Rat - 鼠 - shǔ



Ox - 牛 - niú



Monkey - 猴 - hóu



Snake - 蛇 - shé

The Lunar New Year Cycle repeats every twelve years, with each year named after a particular animal. The designs above appear on the pages for the appropriate year, and are identified by the English name, the Chinese ideograph and its approximate pronunciation.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 7, 1997

Year of the Ox



Year of the Ox Issued on the occasion of Chinese New Year
Année du Buffle • Émis à l'occasion du Nouvel An chinois

This issue is the first of a continuing series to be issued by Canada Post to celebrate the Lunar New Year. The stamp features the brushwork head of an ox, above which is a red diamond inscribed with the characters for "Year of the Ox". The ox symbolizes stability, industry and practicality.

The souvenir sheet is fan-shaped, with the twelve zodiacal animals around the border and the ox highlighted in gold. The same symbols appear in gold on the right.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 7, 1997

Year of the Ox



The souvenir sheet also has a variety which has an overprint in gold at the lower right corner celebrating the Hong Kong '97 Exposition.



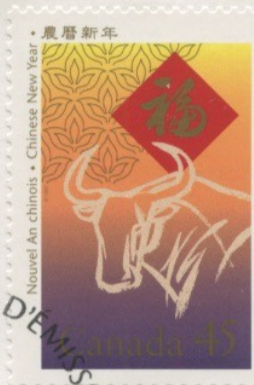
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January 7, 1997

Year of the Ox

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January 7, 1997

Year of the Ox



Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover



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January 8, 1998

Year of the Tiger



The second in what is to be an on-going series of stamps celebrating the Asian lunar new year. In 1998 the Year of the Tiger is celebrated. The head of a tiger graces the single stamp from the sheet, while a pair of the same design appear in a diamond-shaped souvenir sheet.

Tigers are believed to represent obedience and power, and respect above all traditional values and continuity of Chinese culture.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 28, 1998

Year of the Tiger



A variety of the 1998 souvenir sheet has an additional gold imprint along the lower edges with information about the printer and illustrators, in both English and French.

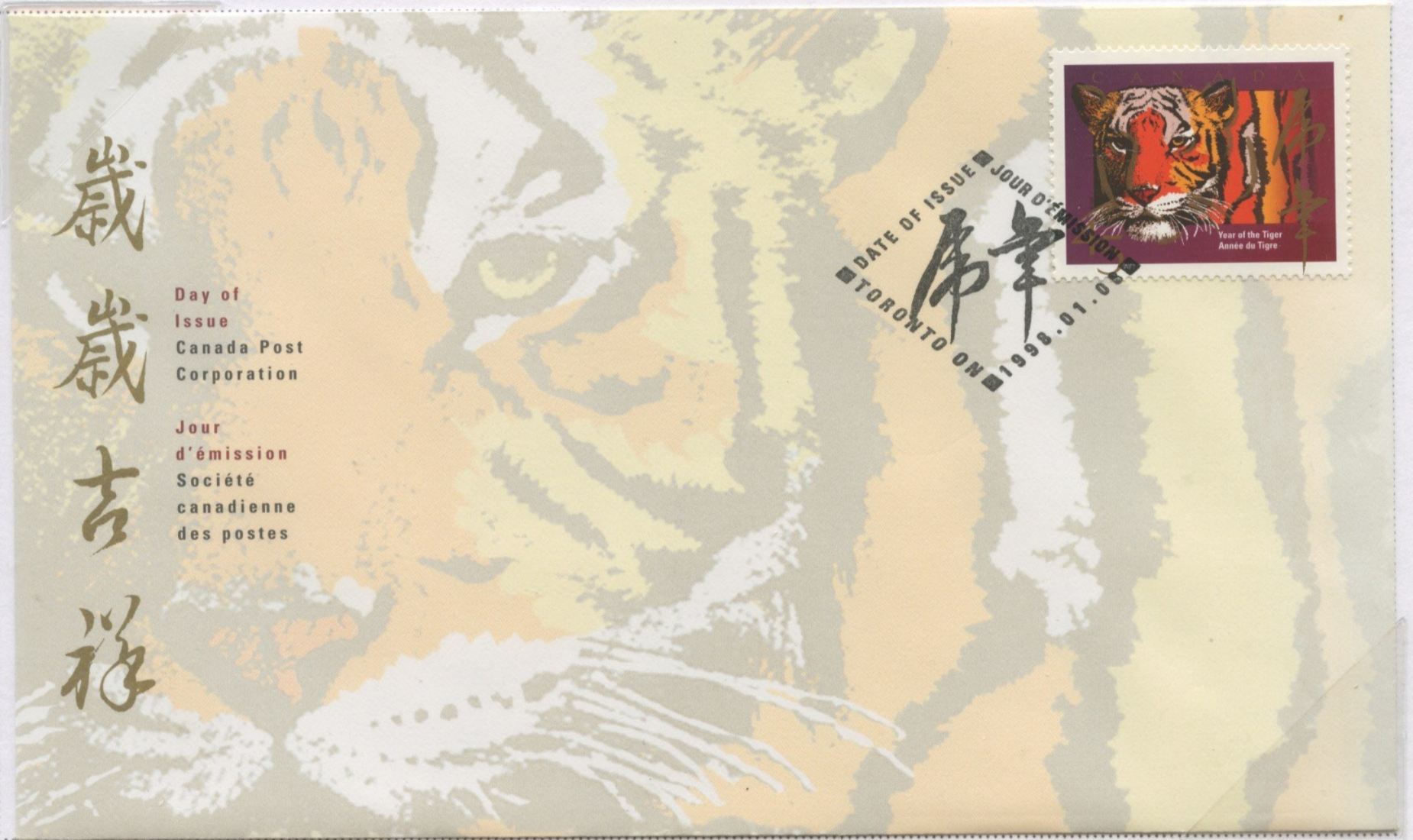


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January 28, 1998

Year of the Tiger



Sheet Stamp First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 1999

Year of the Rabbit



1999 is the Year of the Rabbit in the Asian calendar and Canada Post made some changes in their format for their commemorative stamps for the occasion. The souvenir sheet now has a larger size stamp and the denomination is for the international rate.

The rabbit is an almost calligraphic image, while the circular souvenir sheet has twelve depictions of all the Chinese zodiac animals around the border.

The Year of the Rabbit is supposed to be a peaceful year, far more tranquil than the preceding hectic year of the tiger, giving us a chance to rest and revive ourselves.

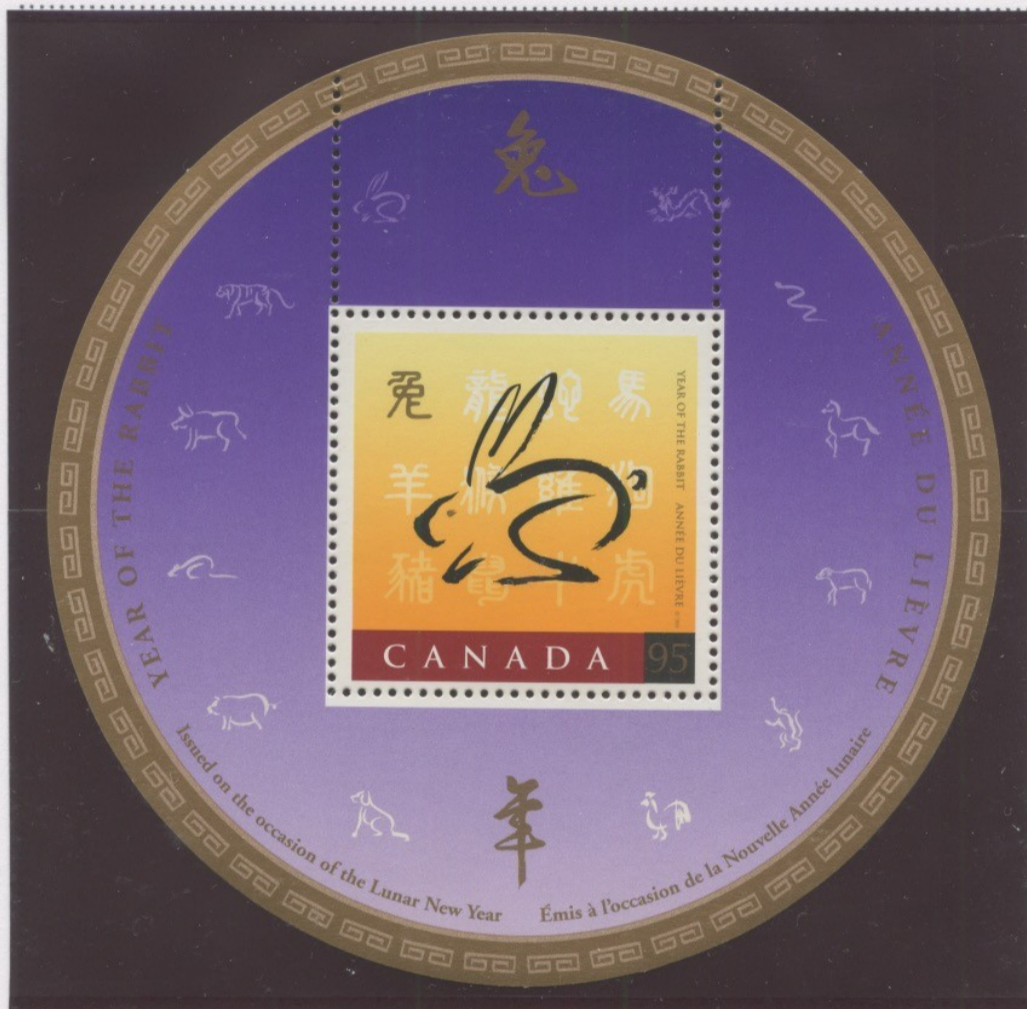


Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 1999

Year of the Rabbit



A variety of the 1999 souvenir sheet honors the China 99 exposition and has its logo printed just above the center of the stamp on the sheet.



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January 28, 1998

Year of the Tiger



Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 1999

Year of the Rabbit



Sheet Stamp First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 1999

Year of the Rabbit



Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 5, 2000

Year of the Dragon



The year 2000 is the Year of the Dragon, the fifth in the lunar cycle. Dragons in Western culture are beasts to fear, huge winged fire-breathing reptiles. The giant red dragon of the Apocalypse in Revelations 12 gave rise to the dragon as a symbol of Satan. However, in the East, they are seen as wise and generous creatures, and are cloud-breathing, wingless and serpentine, and come in multiple sizes and colors. Each type has its own particular attributes. Four-clawed dragons protect the common people, while the five-clawed variety protects emperors.

The dragon on the stamp is depicted on embroidery, one of ancient China's most prestigious art forms, and yellow is one of the commonest colors used in the Lunar New Year, representing wealth, fortune and sovereignty. The souvenir sheet places the images into an open scroll, often used for important announcements.



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January 5, 2000

Year of the Dragon



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Sheet Stamp First Day Cover



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January 5, 2000

Year of the Dragon



Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover



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January 24, 2001

Year of the Snake



The sixth of the twelve zodiac creatures, the snake represents intelligence, materialism and gracefulness. It is considered such a strong indicator of intelligence that finding a snake in one's home is great fortune and ensures that the inhabitants will never go hungry.

As gold is the dominant force for 2001, That is applied to the snake on the souvenir sheet, while the regular stamp has its serpent in jade.



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January 24, 2001

Year of the Snake



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Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 24, 2001

Year of the Snake

First Day Cover





Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 3, 2002

Year of the Horse



The 2002 issue for the Year of the Horse has two similar stamps, and both are embossed in red foil. The domestic stamp has its horse looking forward with bamboo leaves in the background. The other is in an octagonal sheet, looks backward, and has floral branches instead of bamboo. The souvenir sheet has the zodiac animals surrounding the central window on a red background, with the horse in gold foil at the right.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 3, 2002

Year of the Horse

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馬年 Year of the Horse
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Domestic Rate First Day Cover



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January 3, 2002

Year of the Horse



Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 3, 2003

Year of the Ram



The Year of the Ram brings a pair of unusual shapes to lunar new year stamps. The domestic stamp has curves at top and bottom and an image of a carved ram with curling horns, while its counterpart on the souvenir sheet is shaped similarly but with straight horns. The sheet itself has a curved top and left side.

The ram is a symbol of good fortune, kindness and justice, and ancient literature associates it with religion, law, ethics, politics and art.



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January 3, 2003

Year of the Ram



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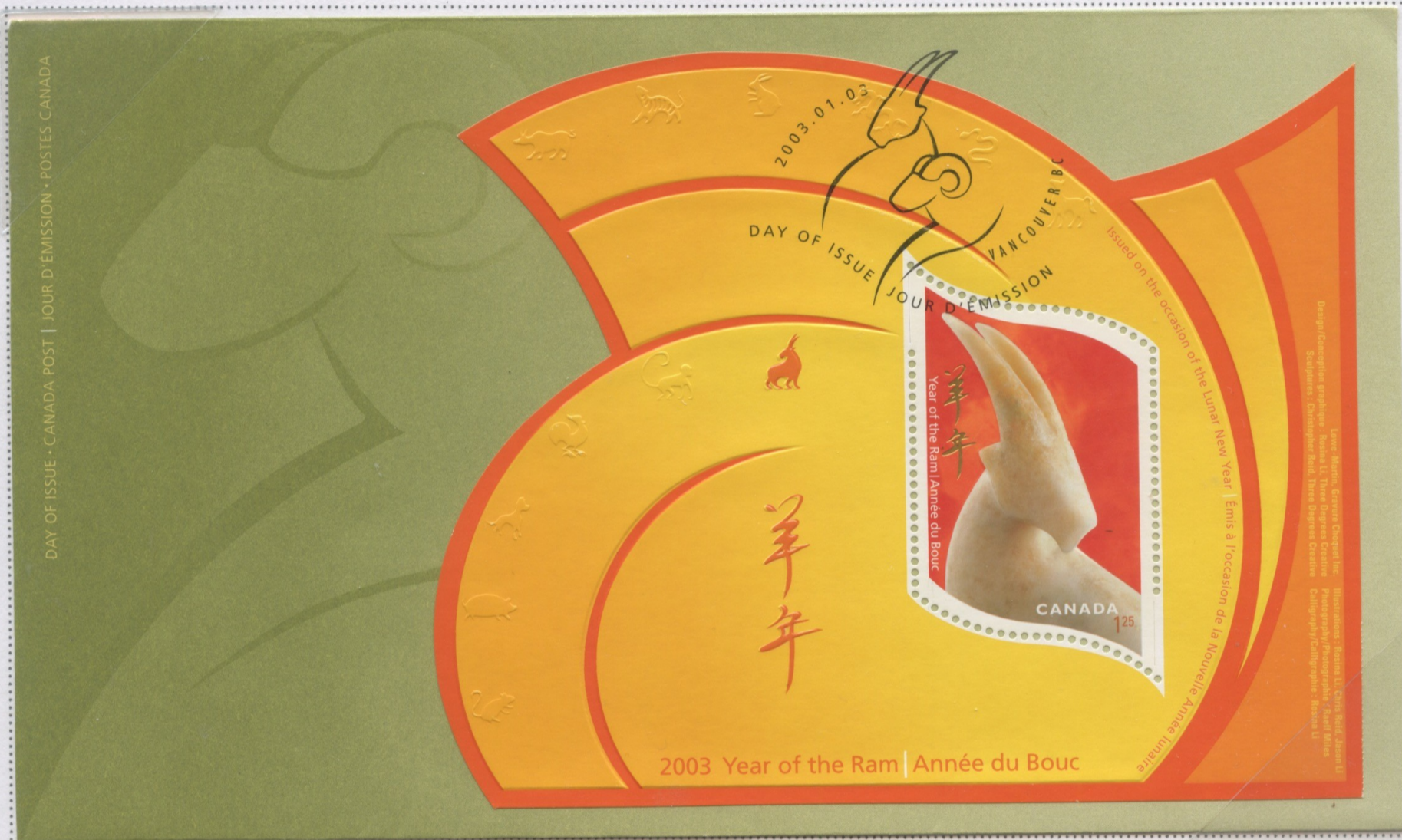


Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 3, 2003

Year of the Ram



Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2004

Year of the Monkey



The stamps for 2004 illustrate a narrative; two scenes from the 16th century Chinese story "Journey to the West". The Monkey King, Sun Wu-k'ung, is a trouble maker who always defies authority. On the domestic stamp, he confronts the Jade Emperor in heaven, where he destroys the royal banquet and battles the emperor's troops, after which he declares himself to be ruler of the universe. He is chastened by Buddha and pinned under a mountain for 500 years. Released from the mountain by the monk Xuan Tang, he is sent on an errand by Buddha to retrieve sutras from India. The long journey is fraught with danger and each stage metaphorically charts his progress toward wisdom and enlightenment.

The twelve zodiac animals appear around the sides of the souvenir sheet, but only the monkey is surrounded by a halo of gold foil, indicating his eventual enlightenment.



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January 8, 2004

Year of the Monkey



The souvenir sheet for 2004 also has a variety on which there is a gold overprint for Hong Kong Stamp Expo 2004 beneath the bottom tree under the stamp itself.

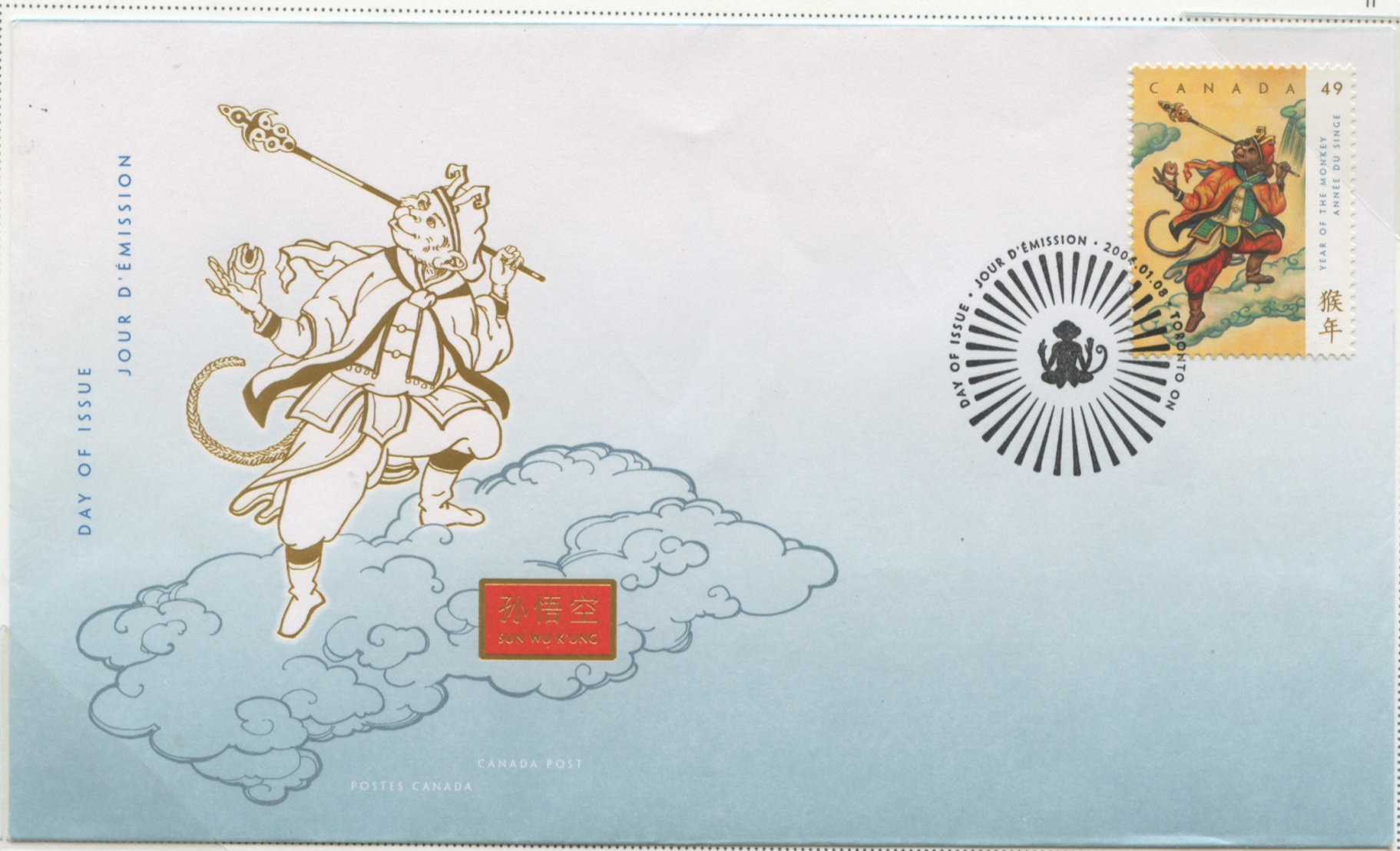


Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2004

Year of the Monkey



Domestic Rate First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2004

Year of the Monkey



Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 7, 2005

Year of the Rooster



For the Year of the Rooster, the subjects of the stamps look both east and west, and one has red tail feathers and the one on the oval souvenir sheet with gold. They were created with a computer to simulate Chinese ink painting. The other zodiac animals in a similar style flank the central rooster on the souvenir sheet.

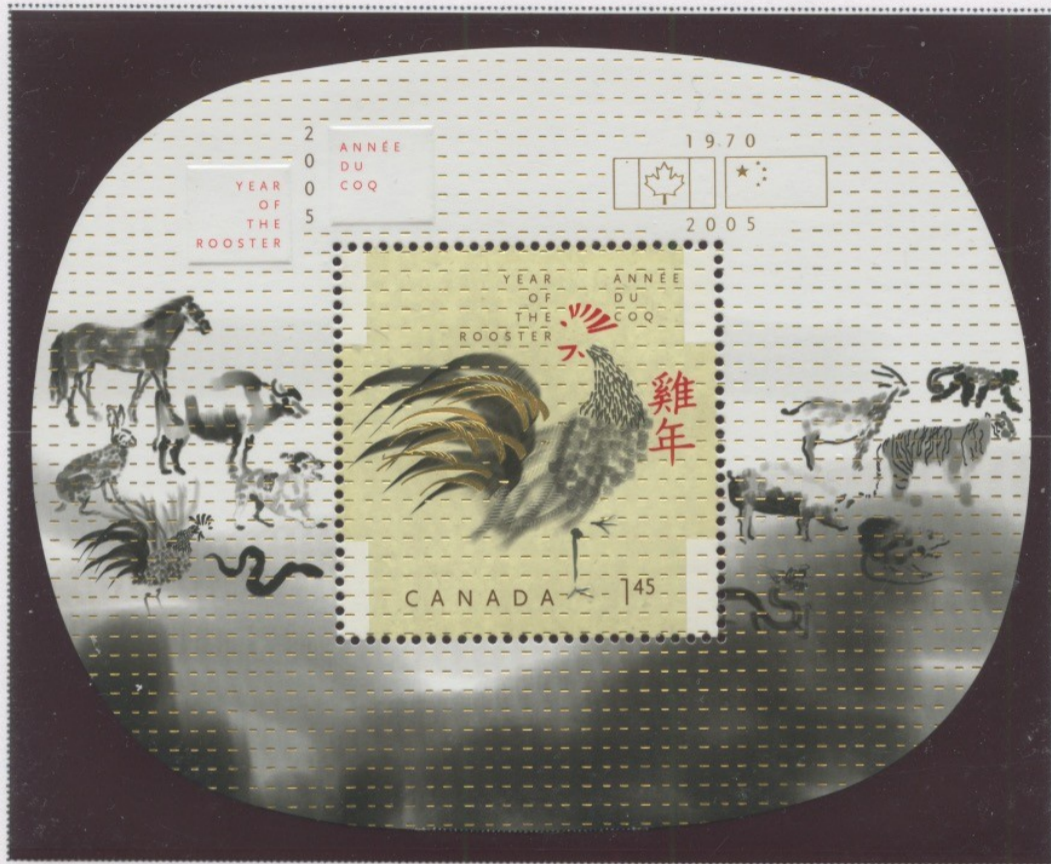


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January 7, 2005

Year of the Rooster



The souvenir sheet comes in two varieties. The one shown has small gold overprints of the Canadian and Chinese flags and the dates 1970 and 2005 at the top right to mark 35 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.



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January 7, 2005

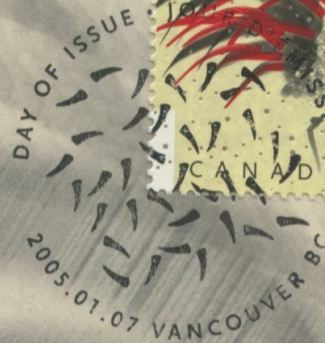
Year of the Rooster

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January 7, 2005

Year of the Rooster



Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 6, 2006

Year of the Dog



The Year of the Dog symbolizes loyalty, protectiveness, a strong moral sense and a commitment to the welfare of family and friends. The domestic stamp portrays a dog in a stance of watchfulness, while on the souvenir sheet his mate is caring for the puppy at her feet in a protective attitude. The symbols for "Year of the Dog" are on the two red tablets in the center.



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January 6, 2006

Year of the Dog

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January 6, 2006

Year of the Dog

First Day Cover





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January 5, 2007

Year of the Pig



The Pig is the last animal in the Chinese lunar cycle, as the Jade Emperor had announced a race to decide the order of the animals' appearance in the Lunar New Year, but the pig stopped to eat and take a nap, arriving after dark. Thus the stamp shows the Emperor holding up his lantern as the pig finally arrives.

The pig is shown as if done in cloisonné, an ancient technique believed to have originated in China during the Yuan Dynasty, (1217 - 1368), and metallic foil is used to represent the outlines and the flowers on the pig's body. The shape of the souvenir sheet is that of a Chinese lantern.



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January 5, 2007

Year of the Pig

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January 5, 2007

Year of the Pig

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January 8, 2008

Year of the Rat



The characters on the Year of the Rat issue are the bride and groom in a Chinese tale, The Mouse Bride, illustrated in a simulated wood-block style. The bride is carrying a parasol and on the souvenir sheet, the groom has a gold fan and a bag of tangerines. The background has abstract representations of her failed suitors; sun, wind, clouds and wall. Around the edge of the sheet are the other Chinese zodiac animals, each of which is carrying gifts for the couple.



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January 8, 2008

Year of the Rat

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Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2009

Year of the Ox



In 2009, Canada Post introduced a new format for Lunar New Year stamps, which is intended to be continued through the twelve year cycle. The Year of the Ox is influenced by the element earth, and is a sign of industry, stability and practicality.

On the domestic stamp, a stylized ox appears with plum blossoms, the national flower of China, against a mountainous background. The theme of the souvenir sheet is pottery, with separate views of an earthen jug, in keeping with the earth motif and representing an ancient Chinese art form. Gold sparks emanate from the symbol for ox on the embedded stamp, evoking fireworks.

A gold overprint appears on the upper right side of one variety of the souvenir sheet, honoring the China 2009 Exposition.



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January 8, 2009

Year of the Ox



Sheet Stamp First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2009

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Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2010

Year of the Tiger



For 2010, the tiger appears in a traditionally stylized form on the domestic stamp, which is embossed in gold foil, as it is China's highest valued metal and the year of the tiger in lore is dominated by gold.

Tigers are figures of power and obedience. They are respectful of their culture, community and tradition. They represent values which have guided generations of people into prosperity, and promote a cohesive culturer.

The souvenir strip shows the tiger as part of a Chinese seal and is also highly embossed. A seal is often used as a signature and may be a cultural artifact in itself.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2010

Year of the Tiger



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Rat Boeuf Tigre Lièvre Dragon Serpent Cheval Bœuf Singe Coq Chien Cochon
Year of the Tiger | Année du Tigre



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Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2010

Year of the Tiger



Money Pouch with Souvenir Sheet Canceled on First Day of Issue.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 7, 2011
Year of the Rabbit



The Year of the Rabbit should be a peaceful year, as people born under this sign disdain the tantrums of the tiger, the arrogance of the rooster and the arrogance of the horse. They are survivors, though, and leap over any obstacles in their way, as symbolized by the rabbits on this year's stamp. They can deal with anything life throws at them so long as they are at peace with themselves.

This tranquility gives us a period in which we can relax and recover from some of the previous hectic zodiac cycles.

The souvenir sheet's design was inspired by a traditional Chinese embroidery motif, which has rabbits chasing each other in an endless circle around the hem of a robe.



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January 7, 2011
Year of the Rabbit



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January 7, 2011
Year of the Rabbit



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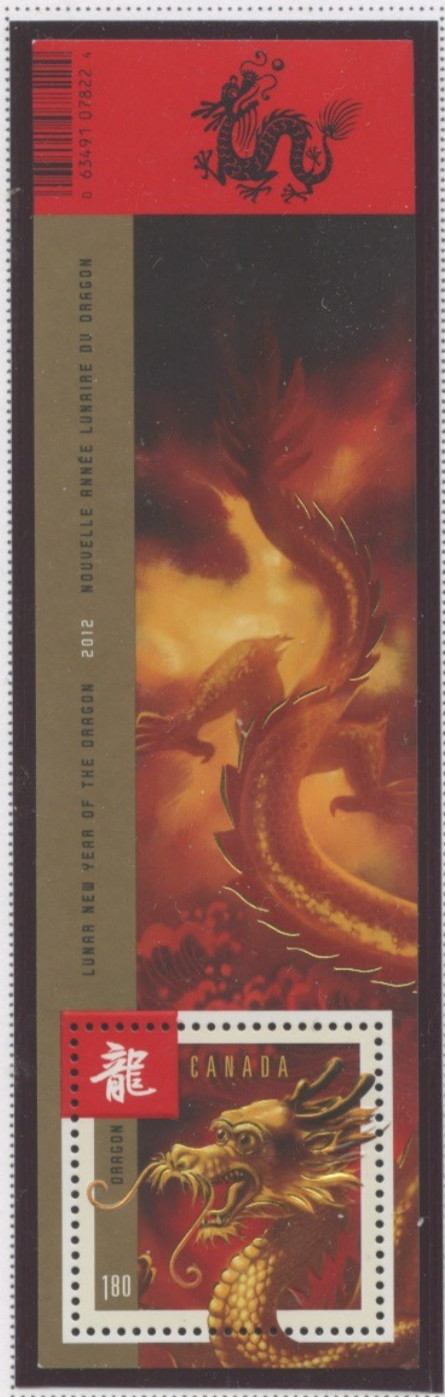


Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 10, 2012

Year of the Dragon



A gold-trimmed dragon appears on the domestic rate stamp, with swirls of water below. The ideograph spells out "dragon". The water dragon on the souvenir sheet bursts from the water, with his head coiling onto the stamp portion from beneath. The red background symbolizes good fortune and joy.

Two new formats are introduced in 2012: A miniature booklet of six self-adhesive stamps, of which a pair appear at the right, and a "transitional" sheet which shows the 2012 dragon "chasing" the 2011 rabbit away, with the stamps from both years' souvenir sheets on it.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 10, 2012

Year of the Dragon



Something new appeared along with the issue of the 2012 Lunar New Year stamps. A new type of souvenir sheet, called a "transitional" sheet, was issued to celebrate the change in the lunar cycle, and this sheet contained both the 2011 and 2012 stamps of the international rate. At the left is an image of a rabbit "departing" and at the right, a dragon "entering" to symbolize the change.



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January 10, 2012

Year of the Dragon



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January 10, 2012
Year of the Dragon



Money Pouch with Souvenir Sheet Canceled on First Day of Issue.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2013

Year of the Snake



Water is the prime influence in the Year of the Snake, and a red water snake slithers into the frame of the domestic rate stamp for 2013. The souvenir sheet features a green and yellow jade snake, with its head on the stamp portion and its body coiled above in the form of the figure eight, the luckiest number and most valued number by the Chinese people. The design is enhanced by the embossed and foiled scales on the snake's body and the darker gold lower section is covered with intricate designs, also embossed.

Snake people are analytical and look twice before they leap. They love luxury even if it means scheming and plotting to achieve their desires. They require peace, and noise and stress are not tolerated well.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2013

Year of the Snake



The format for the transitional souvenir sheet for 2013 closely follows that of the 2012 issue. The dragon and snake stamps as issued on the regular souvenir sheets are both present and the snake on the right side is chasing away 2012's dragon.



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January 8, 2013

Year of the Snake



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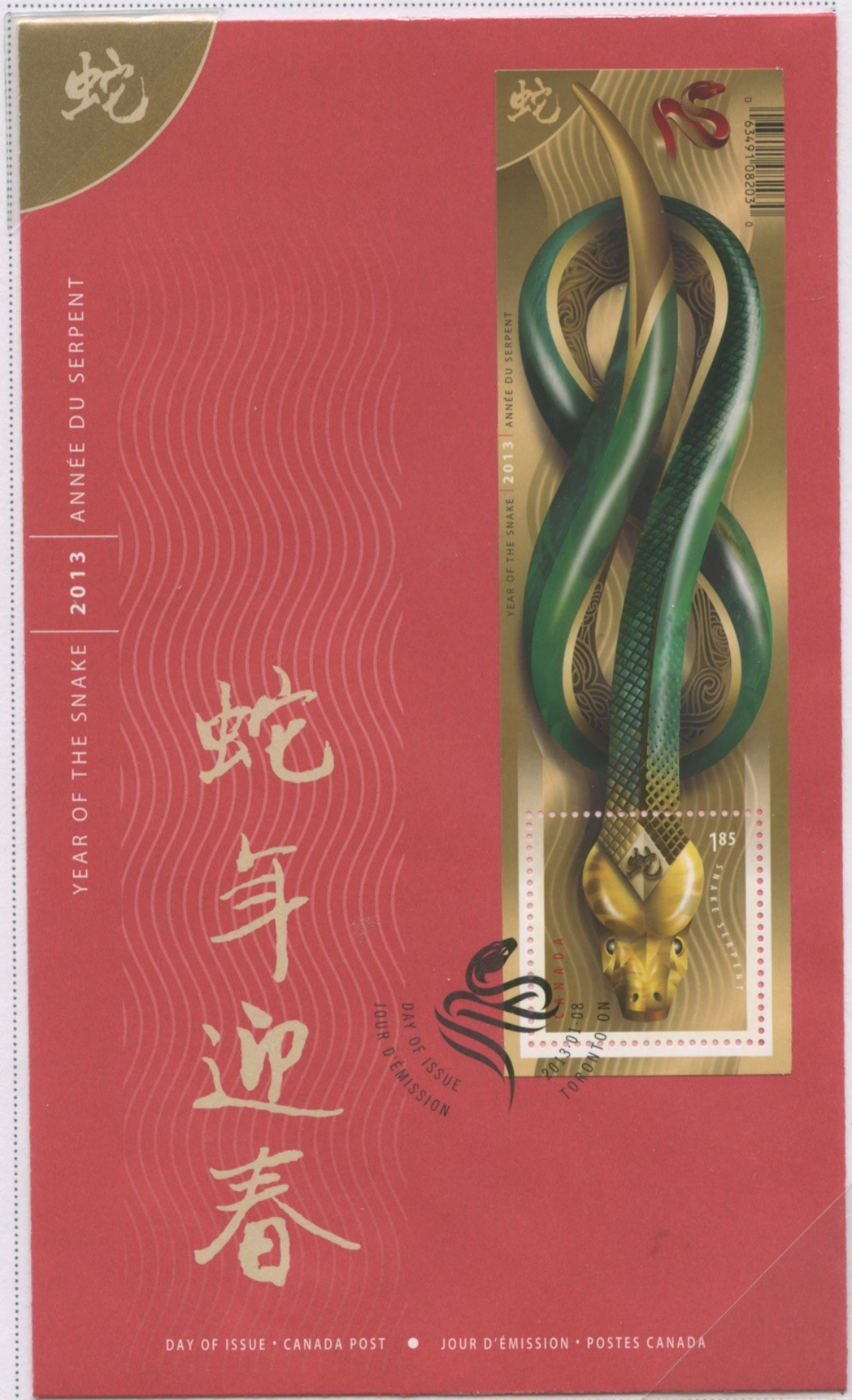


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January 8, 2013

Year of the Snake



Money Pouch with Souvenir Sheet Canceled on First Day of Issue.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 13, 2014

Year of the Horse



Canada's Lunar New Year stamp for the Year of the Horse has little of the detail of previous years. It is simply the silhouette of a wild horse galloping, all red, with the mane of one horse touching the tail of the horse on the next stamp, giving the impression of a herd of running horses on the entire pane of stamps.

The souvenir sheet follows this theme with the forequarters of a rearing horse embossed in gold foil on the perforated section, while above it the horse from the domestic rate issue is recreated, but larger, against a background of a still larger reversed image of the gold horse, but again in red.

The intent was to show the energy, strength and grace of the horse, at which it succeeds admirably, and in the traditionally lucky Chinese colors. The booklet stamp has simulated perforations and is on self-adhesive stock.

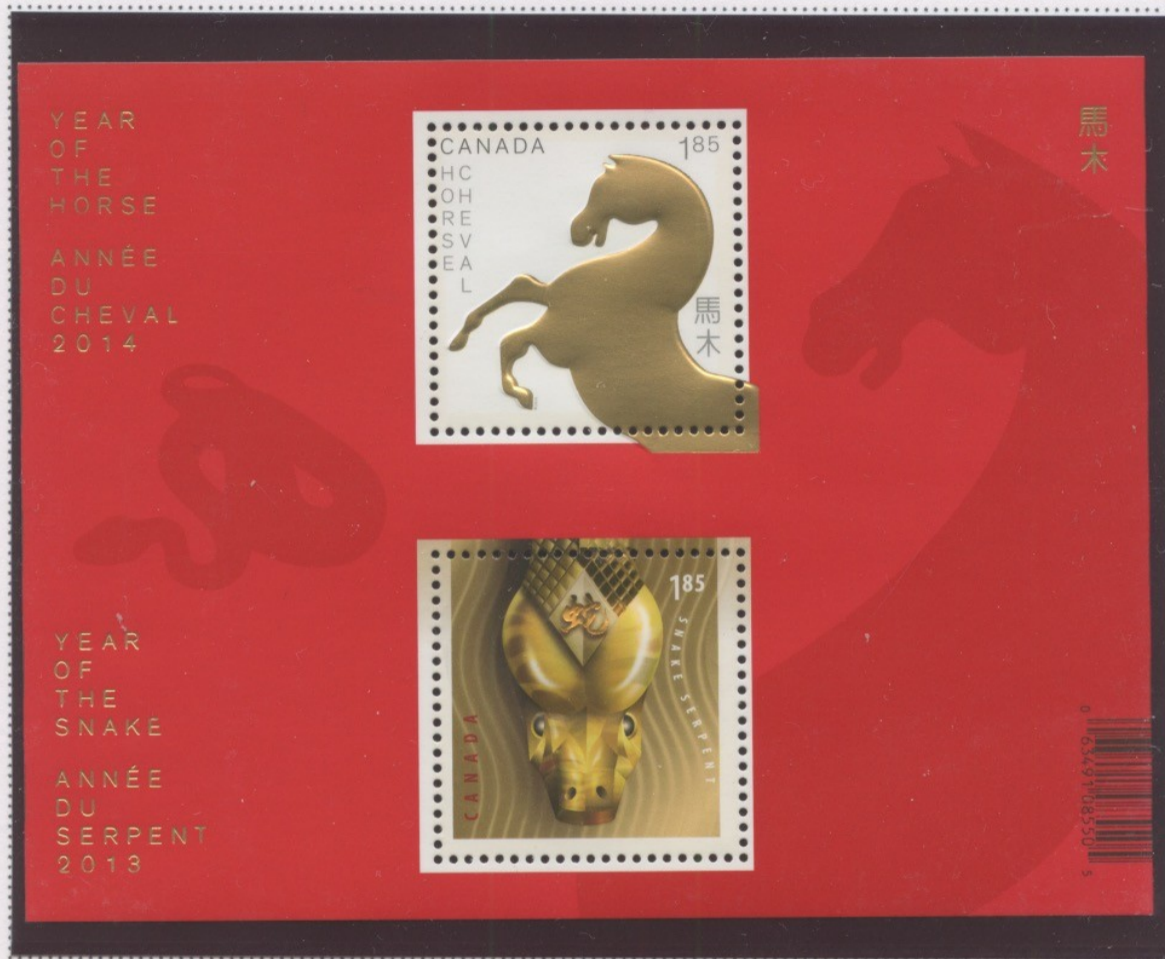


Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 13, 2014

Year of the Horse



The 2014 transitional souvenir sheet follows the established format in size and arrangement of previous years, and the horse is driving 2013's snake off the right side of the sheet.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 13, 2014

Year of the Horse



Souvenir Sheet on Money Pouch with First Day Cancel



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 13, 2014

Year of the Horse



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Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2015

Year of the Ram



The Year of the Ram represents good fortune, kindness and justice, and officially begins on February 19, 2015. However, Canada Post has made it policy to issue its commemorative stamps for the occasion as the first issue of the Gregorian calendar. For 2015, the illustration on the domestic rate stamp depicts three rams resting in a field welcoming spring, a popular Lunar New Year image. That theme is repeated in the top of the souvenir sheet, but the stamp portion of the sheet shows a charging green ram. All of the ram images show gold foil embossed markings on the horns.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2015

Year of the Ram



The transitional souvenir sheet for 2015 follows the format established in 2012 for the transitional souvenir sheets: that is, the stamps from the regular souvenir sheets of both years, one above the other, with printed images of the zodiacal animals. The incoming year's animal, in this case the ram, appears to be making the previous year's animal, the horse, run out of the margin of the sheet.

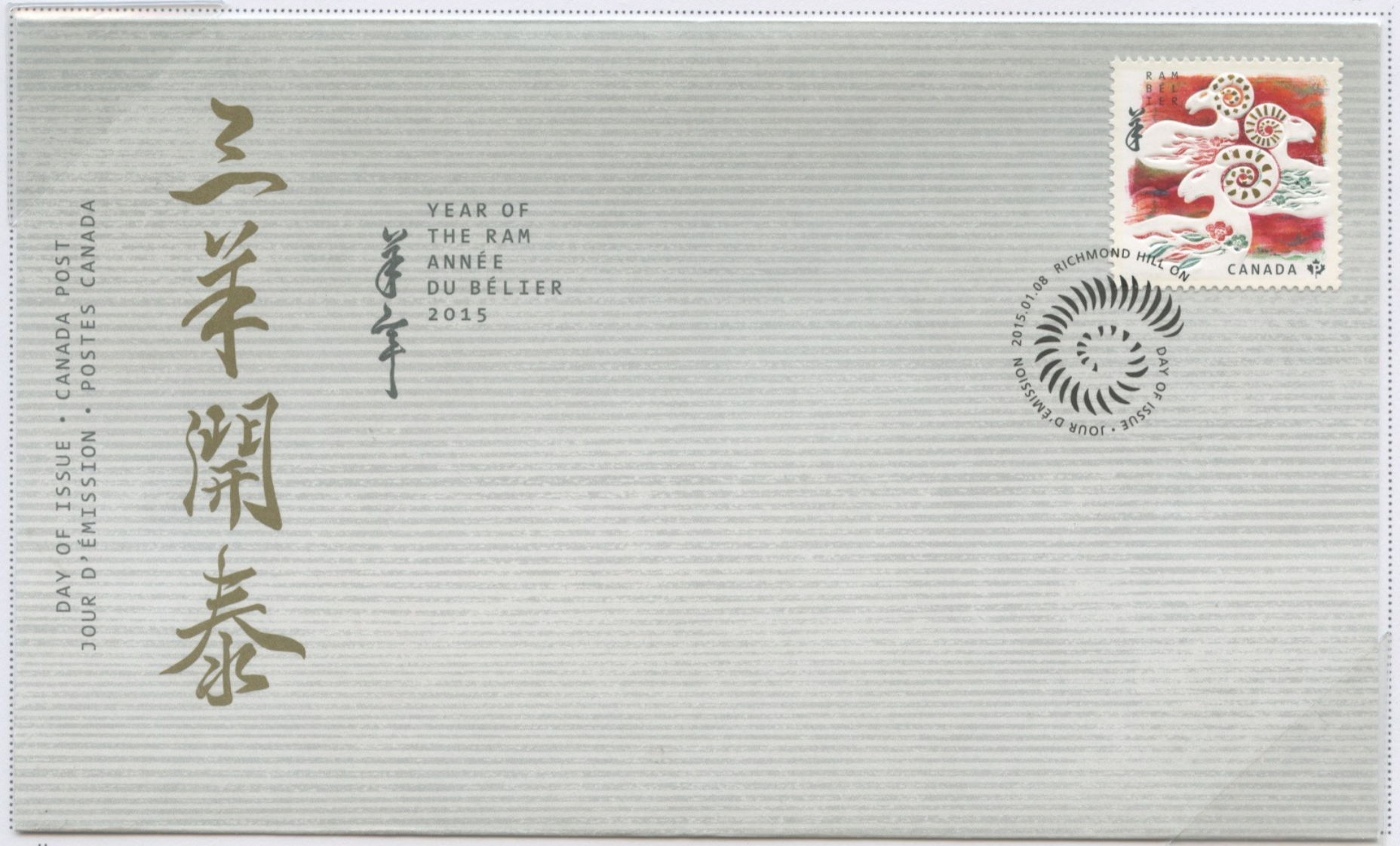


Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2015

Year of the Ram



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Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2015

Year of the Ram



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Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2016

Year of the Monkey



For 2016, another new format has been added to Canada's Lunar New Year issues. The international rate stamp now appears in a booklet of six in addition to the ten stamp booklet for the domestic rate.

The stamps for 2016 repeat the 2004 theme from the 16th century Chinese story "Journey to the West", which has also been transformed into an opera. The Monkey King, Sun Wu-k'ung, on the domestic stamp is shown in a warlike pose as he battles the emperor's troops in Heaven. He is shown in a typical costume from the opera. The souvenir sheet and international rate booklet depict a Monkey King mask similar to the one on the domestic stamp.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2016

Year of the Monkey



Stamps from the domestic rate booklet.



The transitional souvenir sheet for 2016 shows the international rate stamps for 2015 and 2016, with the Monkey King at the right attacking the fleeing ram at the left with a quarterstaff.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2016

Year of the Monkey



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Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 8, 2016

Year of the Monkey



Souvenir Sheet on Money Pouch with First Day Cancel

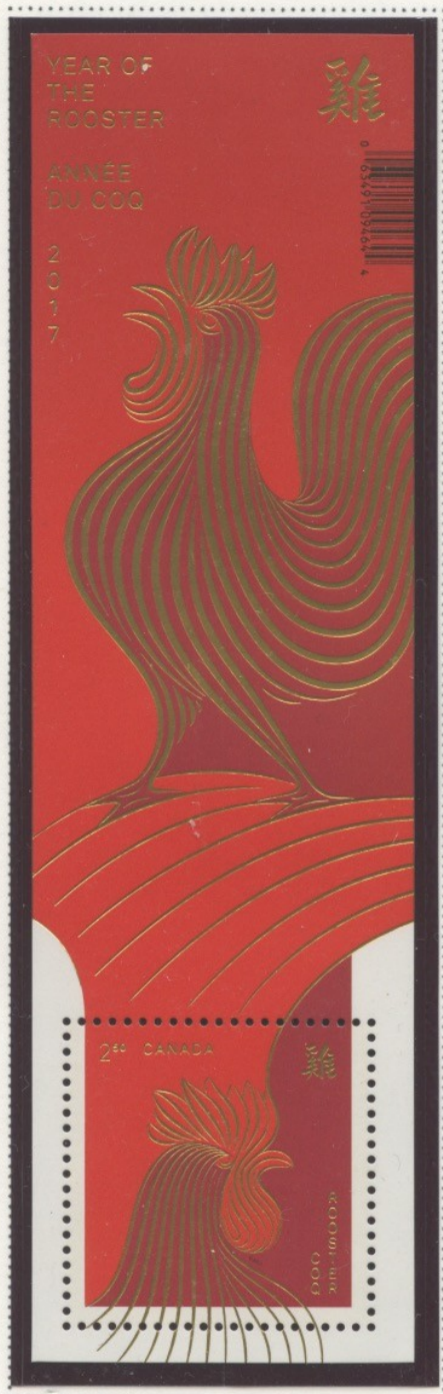


Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 9, 2017

Year of the Rooster



In 2017, the Year of the Rooster, the sheet stamps appeared in a new format: In each block of four, the stamps were rotated 90° from each other, so they face in all four directions. As the sheet is perforated 12-1/2 x 13-1/4, two different perforation varieties exist, and a pair contains both.

2017 is the one-hundred fiftieth anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, these stamps bear in the upper left selvage the inscription CANADA 150, visible only under ultraviolet light. All Canadian issues for 2017 are marked this way and an ultraviolet image is shown on a later page.

Single stamps from the souvenir sheets and booklet are perforated differently than the sheets and from each other, and the booklets are self-adhesive.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



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Year of the Rooster



Ultraviolet image





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Year of the Rooster



International Rate Booklet



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Domestic Rate Booklet



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Year of the Rooster



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Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 9, 2017

Year of the Rooster



Souvenir Sheet on Money Pouch with First Day Cancel



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 15, 2018

Year of the Dog



Canada's domestic rate Lunar New Year stamp design for 2018 features a yellow paper lantern, on which is printed the design of a red Pekinese dog. The \$2.50 stamp for the international rate has a similar lantern, but with a large yellow hound on a red background. The body and "ribs" of the lanterns themselves are embossed.

The embossing also appears on the \$2.50 souvenir sheet and transitional souvenir sheet. Interestingly, the booklet versions for both rates are not embossed, but have the lantern's "ribs" printed in black ink instead.

While the domestic rate stamps have the usual "P" for permanent rate and the actual dollar value on the international stamps, neither of the postcards has any kind of rate imprinted on it at all.



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 15, 2018

Year of the Dog



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Photo : Raef Miles • Calligraphy / Calligraphie : Albert Ng, O.Ont.



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Domestic Rate Booklet



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International Rate Booklet



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Transitional Souvenir Sheet



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Postcard



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Domestic Rate First Day Cover



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Souvenir Sheet on Money Pouch with First Day Cancel



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



January 18, 2019

Year of the Boar



The design of the 2019 stamps for the Year of the Pig was inspired by the character Zhu Bajie, a character from the sixteenth century novel "Journey to the West", who was late to a meeting and banished from an important position in Heaven. He was reborn into the mortal world as half human and half pig.

The Year of the Boar lasts from February 5, 2019 to January 24, 2020, and some of the attributes associated with persons born under this sign are compassion, diligence and determination. They are said to be frank and forthright and have a trusting nature.



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International Rate Booklet



Transition Souvenir Sheet



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Domestic Rate Booklet



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Domestic Rate Postcard



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International Rate Postcard



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Domestic Rate First Day Cover



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January 18, 2019

Year of the Boar

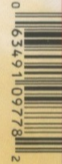
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Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover



Lunar New Year Stamps of the United States and Canada



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Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover

This cover has been autographed by the stamp designers, Albert Ng and Seung Jai Paek. It contains an error. The small square first day cancellation on the lower left corner of the souvenir sheet shows the correct date of issue at Markham Ontario, but the large one with the rake was applied at Scarborough, Ontario, the day before, on January 17th.

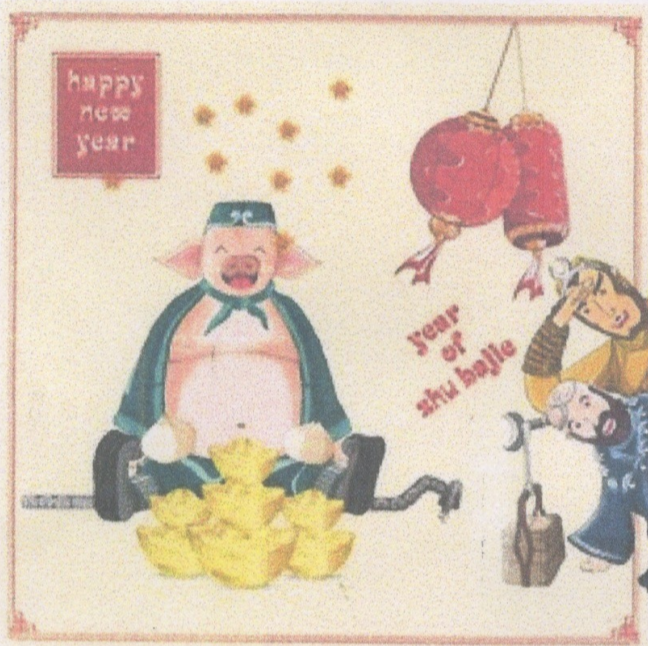


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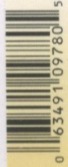


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