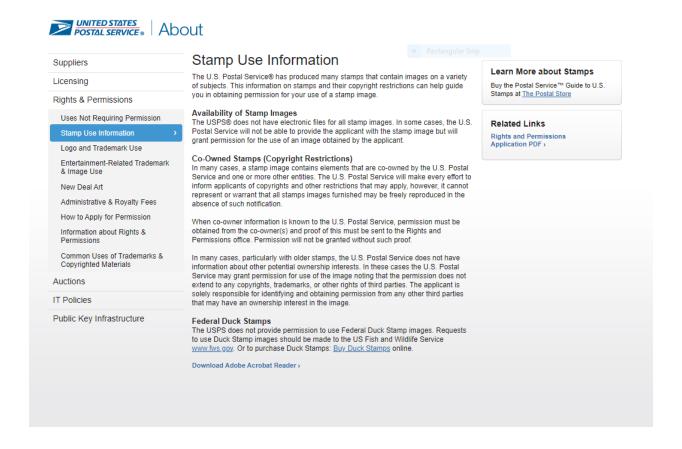
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The art on US postage stamps used to be in the public domain, but since 1970 (when the Post Office Department was privatized) the US Postal Service has been able to claim copyright in stamp designs. It didn't start doing that until 1978, though. So what about pre-1978 stamp designs, then? Can you copy them freely? Yes, as long as you follow these basic rules:

- 1) Black and white reproductions of <u>uncanceled</u> US postage stamps are permissible in any size.
- 2) **Color** reproductions of uncanceled US postage stamps must be less than 75% smaller or more than 150% larger than the size of the original stamp.
- 3) <u>Canceled</u> US postage stamps may be of any size, whether the reproduction is in color or black and white.

The idea is that you cannot reproduce the uncancelled stamp image **in color in its original size**. It must be either in black and white (where its reproduced size doesn't matter) or less than 75% or greater than 150% of its original size if uncancelled.

The thought in part is to stop piracy or counterfeiting from a color copy of a stamp image in its original size.	