

**Digital Stamps** In my booklet for Royal Mail about British stamp printers, I stated: “It will surely not be too long before digital printing has a greater impact on the world of stamp production following Australia’s fast-track printing of the Sydney 2000 Olympics sheets. This process also rather scarily presents an opportunity to make each stamp printed quite literally unique, perhaps individually numbered, tariff coded or bearing hidden security features. Digital printing has been used by Britain on Smilers photo labels, but not on actual stamps as yet.”

For what I believe is the first time outside of an Australian printed issue, a European postal administration has this May produced a totally digitally printed set of stamps on a postal-related theme. Bosnia and Herzegovina (Serb Post) had a company called Grafo Papir, based in Banja Luka, print 10,000 die-cut stamps of each of the four 0,70KM values in self-adhesive sheets of 20.



The attractive and well printed stamps feature a modern yellow post van, a modern yellow wall letter box, a handstamp device and a postal trumpet (actually a posthorn with a squeezable rubber bulb on the end instead of a mouth-piece). They are termed “Personalized Postal Stamps”, but there is no indication that they are currently offering a Smilers-type service on their website.

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