



**Short Activity**  
**Ages 6–8**  
**20–30 minutes**

## **Mailing Activity**

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### **Description**

Participants can colour in and write a postcard, then create their own stamp collection. This activity contains several parts. Completing all parts of this activity is optional.

The activity worksheets can be used for passive programming.

### **Number of Participants**

Minimum of one participant

### **Space Considerations**

Set up an indoor or outdoor space with tables and chairs

### **Competencies**

- Artistic expression
- Development of fine motor skills
- Eye-hand coordination
- Letter recognition
- Written communication skills

### **Materials**

- Cardstock (preferred) or printer paper
- Pencils, pencil crayons or crayons
- Erasers (if possible)

### **Preparation**

- Print out postcards on cardstock or printer paper
- Print out stamp collection worksheet
- Distribute craft supplies and tools

# Implementation

## Colouring postcard + writing message

1. Explain the sections of the postcard (front, back, writing area, address area and stamp section)
2. Participants colour in Nahid Kazemi's illustration
3. Kids write their postcard messages and address it somewhere

## Creating stamps + choosing a stamp for the postcard

- Participants can design 1-3 stamps for their stamp collection
- Choose one to cut out and paste onto their postcard and paste the rest on the bottom half of the page
- Can create an additional stamp for their collection

## Options to elevate program

- Branches can create mailboxes for kids to drop their postcards into
- Branches can create their own pen pal program with a partner branch and send the postcards through interoffice mail

## Accessibility Considerations

- Stamps were enlarged to make it easier for kids to design them, therefore the postcards are 8.5 x 11 instead of a half sheet
  - That way, kids can cut out a stamp and add it right onto the postcard
- Give participants the flexibility of doing only one part of the activity during the program if they find it overwhelming (e.g. stamp collection or postcard) and they can take the rest home
- Provide the two postcard templates as options to accommodate writing needs of participants
- Postcard template is a Word document so staff can change the image
- Offer easy-grip scissors
- Assist participants with cutting and gluing as needed
- Encourage kids to cut the stamps as a rectangle along the edges of the stamp rather than trying to cut out the dips and curved areas
- Offer larger glue sticks
- Pour glue into a shallow container with large craft sticks for kids to share

## Book Suggestions

*Eric* by Shaun Tan

*My Art, My World* by Rita Winkler

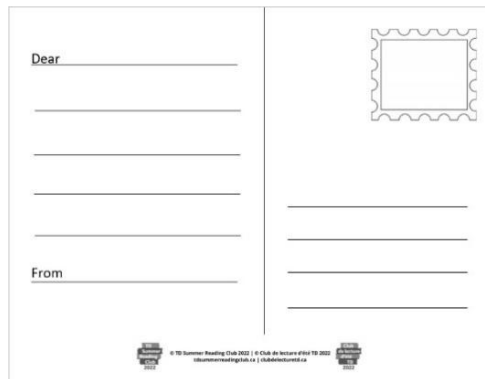
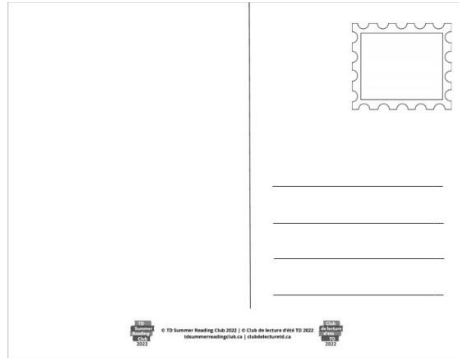
# Download Links

[Mailing Activity – My Stamp Collection Template \(.docx\)](#)

[Mailing Activity – Postcard Templates \(.docx\)](#)

## Images

POSTCARD IMAGES 8.5 x 11



## STAMP COLLECTION WORKSHEET

\*The stamps are on scale with the postcards

MY STAMP COLLECTION

1. Create the first three stamps in your stamp collection
2. Cut them out

Three blank rectangular stamp templates with decorative scalloped borders, arranged horizontally.

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MY STAMP COLLECTION

1. Choose one of the stamps you designed above and paste it on your postcard
2. Paste the other two stamps below and create a new stamp for your collection

Three blank rectangular stamp templates with decorative scalloped borders, arranged horizontally.