

STAMP COLLECTING CHECKLIST



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BASIC TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- Stamp tongs
- Magnifying glass
- Stamp album
- Hinges or mounts
- Perforation gauge
- Watermark detector
- Stamp drying book
- Stamp catalogue

SOURCES TO ACQUIRE STAMPS

- Stamp dealers
- Online auctions
- Philatelic societies
- Stamp shows and exhibitions

CARE FOR YOUR STAMPS

- Sort and soak stamps carefully
- Handle stamps with stamp tongs
- Store stamps in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and moisture

PHILATELIC TERMS TO KNOW

- Perforation
- Watermark
- Gum
- Hinge
- Overprint
- Plate block

RESOURCES FOR LEARNING

- Philatelic magazines (e.g., Linn's Stamp News, Stamp Collector)
- Philatelic books (e.g., Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue)
- Online sources (e.g., American Philatelic Society website, StampWorld.com)