CRAFTSMANSHIP IN ZIMBABWE

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(Extracted from Philatelic Bureau Bulletin No 1 of 2002)[2]



$12: Knitting and Crocheting are relatively new crafts in Zimbabwe, being introduced in the nineteenth century. Crocheted table cloths and mats are among the most popular sellers creating a valuable source of income. The yarns for these items are produced locally. *(Crocheting is misspelt "Crotcheting" on stamp and in Bulletin)*



$20: Art and Design play a major role in our lives. Apart from the aesthetic appeal of paintings and graphics, they are found in everyday items such as curtain and dress materials and furnishing fabrics. These all originate from the drawing board.



$25: Basket Making can be carried out with a minimum number of tools. The only requirements being various grasses, reeds, and in some areas, the bark of the Wattle tree. Vegetable dyes are used to colour the grasses and traditional designs are often woven into the baskets.



$30: Pottery is one of the oldest crafts in Zimbabwe. Clay pots dating back from many centuries have been discovered at our National Heritage sites, such as Great Zimbabwe and Khami. Today it is part of our tourist attractions.



$35: Woodcarving is a thriving industry throughout Africa. Fine examples of this may be seen in our tourist centres including Victoria Falls. It is also found at various outlets along the roadside. Numerous timbers are used, the most popular being Kiaat and Mopani.



$45: Sculpture from Zimbabwe is highly regarded in overseas art circles with its semi-cubist appeal. Different types of stones are used including verdite, serpentine and the more workable soapstone.

Catalogue listings

SG	ZSC[1]	Value	Description
1073	499	$12	Knitting and crocheting
1074	500	$20	Art and design
1075	501	$25	Basket making
1076	502	$30	Pottery
1077	503	$35	Woodcarving
1078	504	$45	Sculpture

Technical details

Stamp size: All values 35 x 30 mm

Sheet Size: 50 stamps (10 rows of 5 stamps), two panes per printed sheet

Artist: Bill Place

Paper: ZSC paper type H - another HS8 type paper. The paper is off-white and non-fluorescent front and back, PVA creamish gum. The shade intensity of the gummed side may vary occasionally under UV.

Print colours: Cyan, magenta, yellow & black

Perforations: SG 14½ x 14, ZSC 14¼ x 14
Top margin: Perforated through.
Other margins: Imperforate

Printer: NatPrint, Harare, Zimbabwe

Printer's Imprint: Bottom Margin, below Row 10 Column 3. Imprint printed in black

Cylinder numbers: Top margin above R1/1. Colours from left – cyan, magenta, yellow, black

Colour register: Type TL 4– round boxed – left margin opposite R1/1. Colours reading down – cyan, magenta, yellow, black

Sheet Value: Top margin, above R1/5, printed in black.

Sheet Number: Type SN 7 with printed 'ZIMPOST' prefix, right margin opposite R1/5, reading down

Print numbers:

$12	4,900,000	$20	550,000
$25	520,000	$30	380,000
$35	550,000	$45	480,000

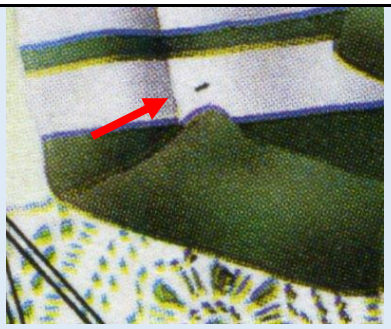
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Listed varieties

No listed varieties have been noted, save the variety in the papers of the miniature sheets.

Unlisted Varieties

There are numerous small dots and specks in the printing of these stamps, particularly in the backgrounds. No significant varieties have been reported.

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<td>
$12: Black dash above sleeve
Cyl 1B R2/4, constant</td>
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$20: Yellow spot in ‘W’ of Zimbabwe,
Cyl 1B R1/1, possibly constant
(Courtesy Narendhra Morar)</td>
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<tr>
<td>
$30: Cyan mark below ‘ZI’ of Zimbabwe
Cyl 1B R2/2, possibly constant
(Courtesy Narendhra Morar)</td>
<td>
$45: Mark to check of left figure.
Cyl 1B R2/2, possibly constant
(Courtesy Narendhra Morar)</td>
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First Day Cover

The cover numbering comes from the catalogue produced by Geoff Brakspear.

A pictorial first day of issue canceller was produced for this issued and was used by the Philatelic Bureau. Other first day cover cancellers continued to be used at main post offices.



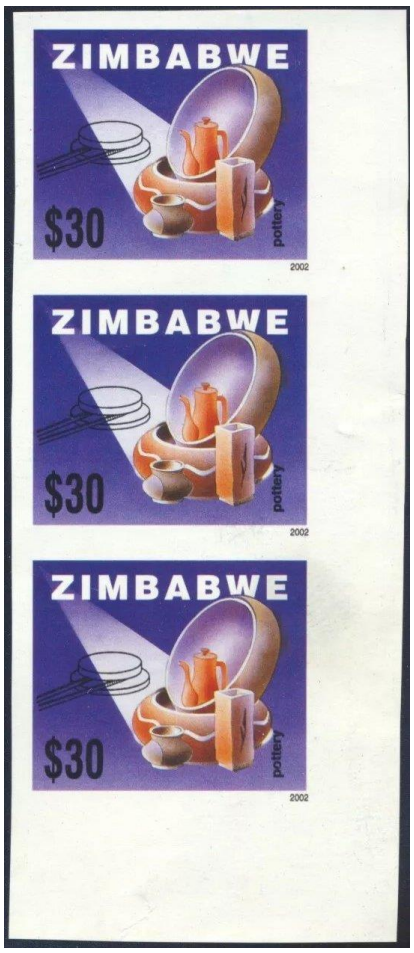
ZW094.1 (Zimpost)



220 x 110 mm

Related Material

Proof



$30: Strip of 3 proof stamps
(Source eBay October 2024)



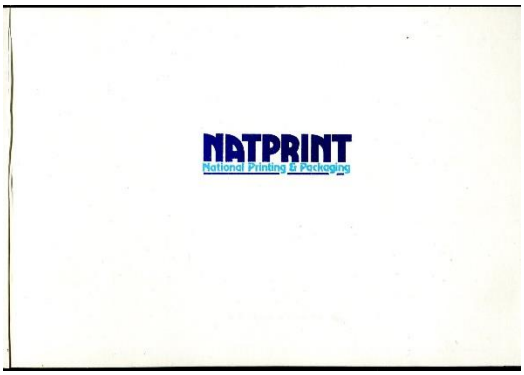


$35: Cylinders 1A & 1B imperforate proof blocks
(Source eBay December 2022)

Natprint Proof Presentation Cards

Presentation cards produced by Natprint with imperforate proofs of four of the stamps to be issued. The presentation cards were forwarded to the PTC for approval of the final product.

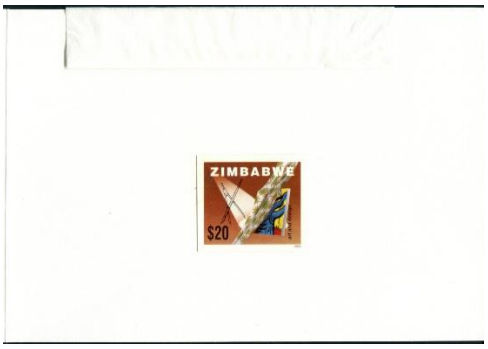
(Courtesy of Jefferson Ritson)



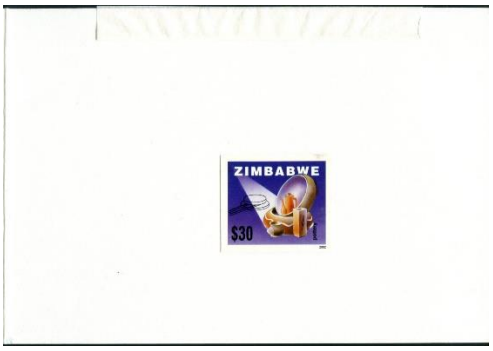
Front cover



Inside front cover



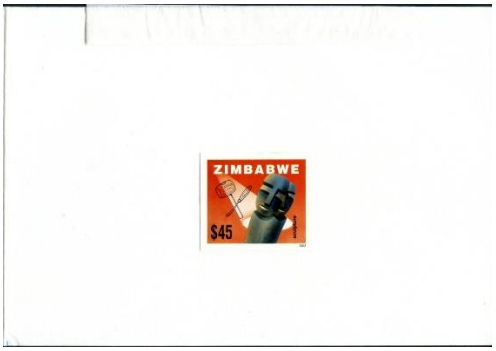
$20 stamp



$30 stamp



$35 stamp



$45 stamp



Specimen First Day Cover

Bibliography:

1. "The Zimbabwean Concise Postage Stamp Catalogue", published by Harare Stamp Company, edited by Ken Allanson, Mike Amos and Geoff Brakspear. The catalogue continues to be updated and expanded by Geoff Brakspear
2. Zimbabwe Post, Philatelic Bureau Bulletin No 1 of 2002

Additions/Changes since December 2020	
12/2021	Specimen FDC
12/2023	Cylinder proof blocks
12/2024	$30 proof strip