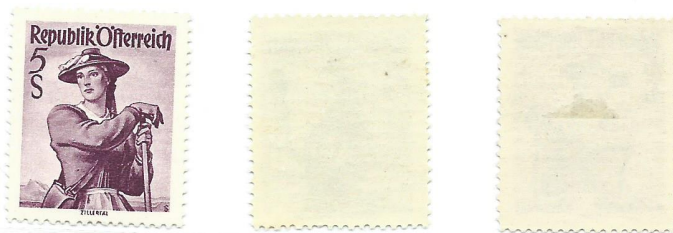


## Austria

### 1948 Costumes Series

Following a re-valuation of currency on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1947 a new series of definitive stamps was required and these were issued in stages from 1<sup>st</sup> June 1948.

The first printing of these stamps was made on grey paper (although this sometimes appears to be cream) using a 70 mesh printing screen with yellow gum. In 1951 a 100 mesh printing screen was introduced and in 1958 a thinner white paper with white gum and no fluorescence was introduced. In 1964 a fluorescent paper was introduced but used for only two values and in 1966 the 70 mesh screen was again used. The 5s stamp was the only one to be printed by all methods and example of these are shown below as a 'reference collection'



70 mesh printing screen, grey paper, smooth / horizontal rippled yellow gum



100 mesh screen, grey paper, horizontal / vertical rippled yellow gum



100 mesh screen, white paper and smooth white gum



100 mesh screen, white fluorescent paper, white gum      70 mesh screen white fluorescent paper, white gum