

The Stamps produced by Hämmerle & Vogel

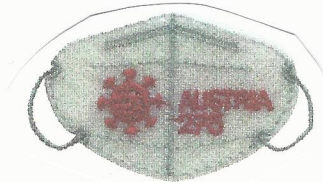


The firm of Hämmerle & Vogel based in Lusten, Vorarlberg, Austria is well known for its embroidery. The company came up with the idea of an embroidered stamp and after overcoming a number of problems including the security features and perfecting the self-adhesive technique they produced a number of colour trials of a stamp with an edelweiss. Austria.Post selected a white edelweiss on green ground and ordered a production run of 400,000 which the company produced in about 30 weeks. The world's first woven/embroidered stamps with integral edges they were cut into individual stamps at the factory. The stamp issued on 19th July 2005 was well received apart from the use of Austria as the country name but this was no doubt because the name was shorter than Österreich.



A second stamp depicting a blue gentian on white background was issued on 19th September 2008 as part of WIPA08.

Further stamps have been produced for Austria.Post including a lace dress in 2016 and a traditional hat from Styria 2018. Their latest stamp is a 'Mini-FFP2 Mask' (FFP-2 is the Austrian regulations for masks) with a red embroidered COVID germ on white ground was issued on 16th September 2021 – scan taken from the Austrian magazine 'Die Briefmarke' issue 10.2021.



Hämmerle & Vogel have produced stamps for other countries including the two shown below produced in 2019 for Liechtenstein to mark 300 years of the ruling Princes and for Vatican City to celebrate 90 years as a separate state.

