



## Create your own souvenir of the “Have a Ball” stamps!

First day covers are a collectible souvenir of a new stamp that is issued. They are easy to obtain and fun to create.

A First Day Cover (FDC) is an envelope or card bearing a stamp which is canceled on the day the stamp is first placed on sale by the post office.

A first day cover usually has a cachet (pronounced ka-shay). The cachet can be an illustration, design, or words that complements the stamp on the cover. The cachet is typically placed on the left side of the envelope.

If you would like to create your own souvenir of the “Have a Ball” stamps and receive an official first day cancel from Hartford, Wisconsin, follow the steps below.

1. Create a cachet or design on the left side of the small envelope (see illustration below). The design might be of anything that you feel relates to these sports-themed stamps. The balls shown are for these sports: baseball, basketball, football, golf, kickball, soccer, tennis and volleyball. Address the envelope in the lower right corner. Have an adult help you. Your first and last name go on the first line. Add your street address on the second line. The third line should have your city, state, and zip code. Write neatly and clearly so that the envelope will be returned in the mail to you!
2. Make sure there is enough room left at the top right corner for a stamp to be placed. I will add the stamp to your envelope and mail it so that you can receive your first day cover.
3. Place your cachet-designed envelope into a larger envelope. Add postage to this outer envelope. Mail to: MaryAnn Bowman, P.O. Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187. Deadline to receive is **July 31, 2017**.

