AFDCS BOARD MODULE
TIPS FOR ASSEMBLING:

- Use the picture of the finished board as a guide to setting things up.
- Start by using a three-sided project board. It can be white or colored.
- The headings should be cut out - decorative scissors would add a little flair to the board.
- Double-sided tape or glue dots might work best for attaching the pages.
- The main heading, the AFDCS Logo and Cover Corner, (pages 3 & 4), should be taped/glued side by side.
- The headings, as well as the sheets, could be attached to colored paper to make them more attractive and to help them stand out.
- Before attaching everything to the board, you might consider adding a border, like the kind used on school bulletin boards. If you find a plain-colored border, stamps could be glued on or you could cut stamp or FDC images from old catalogs.
- The board in the photo shows the spot in the lower-left corner with the FDC contest promotion that took place at StampShow 2013 in Milwaukee. This space could be used as you see fit - you could sponsor your own local contest or you could post club information here.
What Makes a Cover?

A First Day Cover (FDC) is an envelope or card bearing a stamp which is cancelled on the day the stamp is initially placed on sale by the postal authorities.

First Day of Issue Cancel
This FDC was issued in Baltimore, MD and Moscow, Russia on October 3, 1990.

Cachet
A cachet (pronounced “ka-shay”) compliments or tells us something about the stamp.

Stamp
This dolphin stamp is from a set of four called, “Creatures of the Sea.”
These hand-painted cachets are by Fred Collins.

These printed cachets are by the company Artcraft.
There are many ways to design a cachet. Here are just a few examples.

- **PAINT**
- **RUBBER STAMPS**
- **STICKERS**
- **MARKERS/CRAYONS/COLORED PENCILS**
- **COMPUTER-GENERATED**
- **PHOTOGRAPHS**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

The American First Day Cover Society’s website has more information on collecting FDCs. You will also find:

- A short course about first day covers
- First day cover terminology
- How to service first day covers
- Youth pages and activities

www.afdcs.org

JOIN THE COOL CROWD—collect FDCs!