

Coming unglued

How do you get stamps off an envelope? Like this!

1. Cut the stamp away from the envelope.
2. Put it in a bowl of warm water. When the stamp floats away from the paper, carefully remove the stamp from the bowl.
3. Dry the stamp on a paper towel. Then put it between two pieces of clean white paper and let it flatten overnight under a heavy book.



Making the cut

Here's how to pick a good stamp:

- Avoid rips, stains, heavy cancellation marks or torn perforations.
- Make sure the design is centred within the perforations.
- Try to pick stamps that still have glue on the back.