

Stamps

AROUND THE WORLD



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Many native peoples of America made ceramic stamps.

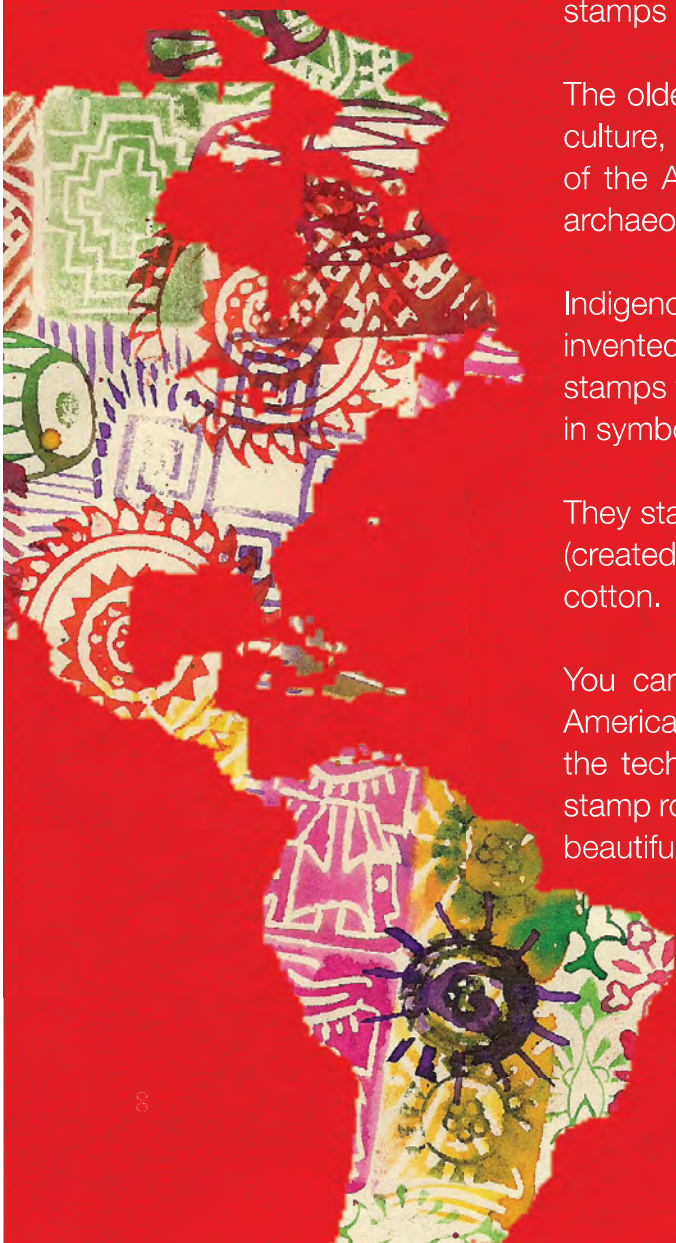
The oldest ceramics in America were found in South America, at the Amazon rainforest. They have more than 7600 years! Thousand years later had already been invented the first stamps of the continent.

The oldest stamp found in America belonged to Shellmound culture, which occupied the entire Atlantic coast and part of the Amazon for thousands of years. It was found at the archaeological site Bacanga in São Luís do Maranhão, Brazil.

Indigenous peoples of Central and North America have also invented stamps! Mayas and Aztecs cultures have created stamps that represent animals, plants and even words written in symbols called hieroglyphics.

They stamped various surfaces, such as ceramic pots, paper (created fiber Amate, a type of fig tree) and fabric made of cotton.

You can play to make your own stamp as the people of America! And create really cool prints on your clothes, using the technique developed by indigenous peoples to make a stamp roll, in order to repeat the drawings in sequence to form beautiful patterns!



STEP BY STEP



MATERIAL

You will need:

- clay;
- fabric paint;
- cotton fabric.



INSTRUMENTOS

To work with clay you will need:

- nylon thread or sewing thread (to cut the clay);
- plastic bags (to keep the clay).

To draw in clay you can use many materials:

- wooden sticks, twigs of trees;
- a toothpick or an orange stick.



For stamping on fabric you will need:

- a folded towel where you will fix the fabric to be stamped;
- cotton fabric;
- pins;
- a foam roller;
- a paint tray to spread the ink.



WARNING: You must fold a towel and hold your stretched fabric with pins.





Stamp is a fun way to reproduce a picture! Before photography, photocopy and scanner, many cultures around the world have developed techniques to multiply their drawings.

In this book, you will see some of them and learn how to create your own stamps!

