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Rubik's Cube, 50th Anniversary

On March 10, 2025 the Ministry of Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a 2024 Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamp: "Rubik's Cube, 50th Anniversary".

The **Rubik's Cube** (Magic Cube) is a mechanical puzzle invented in 1974 by Hungarian sculptor and architecture professor Ernő Rubik. It was patented in Hungary in 1975 and gained extraordinary worldwide popularity during the 1980s.

The player's task is to "solve the Rubik's Cube" by rotating its faces to restore it to its original state, where each face consists of squares of the same color. Enthusiasts of speed-solving the Rubik's Cube are called speedcubers, and the activity itself is known as speedcubing. In the classic 3x3x3 Rubik's Cube speedcubing discipline, the current world record for a single attempt is 3.13 seconds, set by American Max Park. Speedcubing competitions are held at the European, Asian and world levels.

In May 2024, a robot developed by Mitsubishi Electric engineers set a new Guinness World Record by solving the Rubik's Cube in 0.305 seconds, surpassing the previous record.

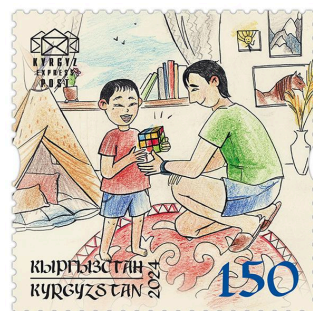
In addition to mechanical versions, electronic versions of the Rubik's Cube also exist.

For this stamp, KEP also issues a postcard, which is used to realize a maximum card.

Stamp description

No. 239. 150 KGS. Rubik's Cube

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Technical specifications

Paper: coated, gummed, 105 g/m².

Printing method: full-color offset lithography.

Stamp perforation: comb 13 syncopated.

Stamp size: 34 × 34 mm.

Stamp is issued in minisheets of 4 stamps with two labels. The labels depict the process of creating the Rubik's Cube. **Minisheet size:** 134 × 100 mm.

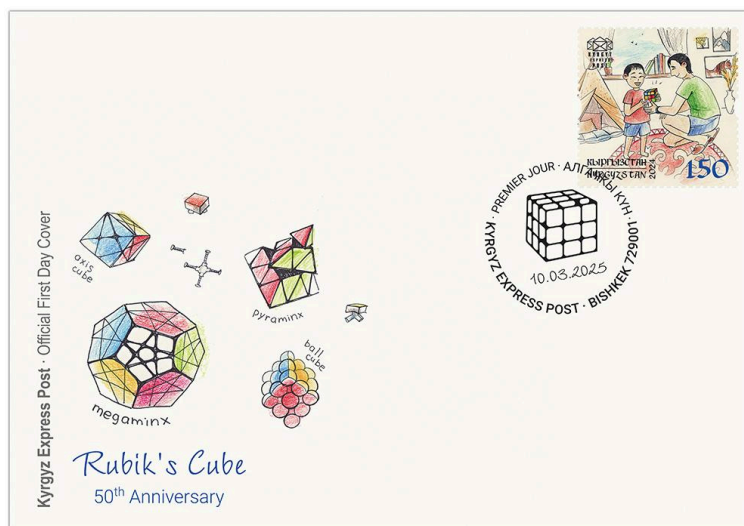
Quantity issued: 6 000 stamps.

Artist: Nadezhda Kornitsel.

Designer: Daria Maier.

Printer House: "Nova Imprim" (Chişinău, Moldova).

A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Bishkek KEP Office (729001) on the stamp issuing day.



The first day cover, postcard and special postmark are designed by Daria Maier.

Artist: Nadezhda Kornitsel.

Cover size: C6 (162 × 114 mm).

Quantity of covers issued: 300 pieces.

Quantity of postcards issued: 500 pieces.

Endorsing ink color: black.

