

# STAMP ISSUES

## PRE – DECIMAL VALUE MACHINS

The first four values of the pre-decimal stamps were issued on 5 June 1967.

Concerning the original colours, Machin encouraged the use of a clearer effigy on a single-coloured background. But the Post Office did not fully respect Machin's views and in the first years of the series would also issue bi-coloured stamps and clear-to-dark gradated backgrounds.

The 4 pence ("4d") was given a very dark brown, inspired by the Penny Black and requested by the Queen herself.

The initial three Machin stamps issued on 5 June 1967.  
4d Olive Sepia, 1s Aconite Violet and 1s9p Olive Brown.



On 8<sup>th</sup> August 1967, a further three Machin stamps were then issued.  
3d Spectrum Violet, 9d Winchester Green and 1s6d Garter Blue.



Two types of the 2d were printed.

**Type 1** – The value is spaced away from the edge of the stamp.

**Type 2** – The value is spaced nearer the edge of the stamp.



Type 1



Type 2

Further values of the pre - decimal Machin stamp were in circulation from 1968 and 1969 namely:  
½d Orange Brown, 1d Yellow Olive, 4d Sepia, 6d Reddish Purple, 7d Bright Emerald, 8d Turquoise Blue and 10d Drab

