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### **AUNT MILLIE WANTS WHAT?**

#### ***Postal Store, retail centers offer special gifts for the hard to please***

Washington, DC – There’s always that one “impossible to shop for” person on the holiday list. Luckily, the U.S. Postal Service at [usps.com](http://usps.com) offers a wide variety of special gift items.

From commemorative stamps and coins to plush, stuffed animals and coffee mugs, the Postal Store has something for everyone. Sure to please even the toughest Scrooge, this holiday season the Postal Store is featuring a constellation mobile, a variety of vibrant art prints from the “Let’s Dance” stamp series and a Holiday Planner.

“Shopping really is just a click away,” said David Failor, Manager, Stamp Services. “Stamp designs, collector’s items and items perfect for children are available online and represent a wide array of interests. There is something for everyone in the Postal Store.”

The holiday planner includes four large post cards of this year’s holiday stamp images (cookies) and cookie recipes; a gift list and “to do” list booklet; a pane of 20 holiday cookie stamps, gift tags and a set of four, holiday cookie images to be colored, complete with a ribbon to hang as ornaments.

“Let’s Dance/Ballemos” features original artwork of four dances that trace their roots back to the Caribbean and honor the contributions Latin Dance has made in American culture: meringue, salsa, cha-cha-cha and mambo.

For the history buff on the holiday list, consider “The American Presidents Collection,” 25 presidential stamps preserved in solid silver ingots layered with 24-karat gold. They are paired with 24-karat gold official Presidential medals. Only 17,500 complete sets will be struck and certified.

For the child in everyone, a complete set of Muppet stamps, with messages from Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear, Sam the Eagle and others, is available as a souvenir sheet of 11 stamps commemorating Jim Henson, the Muppets’ creator. Two different sets of “The Art of Disney” also are available: “Celebration” features Mickey Mouse, Pluto, the Mad Hatter, Alice in Wonderland, Ariel, Flounder, Snow White and Dopey. “Friendship” includes Pinocchio, Bambi and the “Lion King”’s Simba.

Stationery, Teddy Bears, mugs, key chains and lapel pins featuring various stamp images and commemorating moments in American history, popular culture and hobbies also can be found at ***usps.com and click on “buy stamps and shop.”*** Many philatelic products and gift items are available at Post Offices around town.

But mark Dec. 17 on the calendar. This is the deadline to order USPS holiday gifts online and guarantee their delivery in time for the holidays.

Since 1775, the Postal Service and its predecessor, the Post Office Department, has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits 142 million homes and businesses every day, six days a week and is the only service provider delivering to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services. With annual revenues of more than \$69 billion, it is the world's leading provider of mailing and delivery services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume—some 206 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year—and serves seven and a half million customers each day at its 37,000 retail locations nationwide. Its website, [usps.com](http://usps.com), attracts more than 21 million visitors each month.