

The first postage stamps issued by the East India Company in October 1854 were first cancelled with a "Lozenge shaped" dot cancel. There were a number of variations including diagonal lines.

However by 1855, it had been decided to follow the U.K. and so cancels with town numbers were introduced. All stamps of this issue were printed in Calcutta in sheets without perforations. Also note the difference shades of colour.

Half Anna



One Anna



The stamps were printed in sheets of $8 \times 12 = 96$ stamps. Below is the bottom right hand corner of a sheet showing the embellishment at each corner.



Four Annas

