

GERMANY'S 1921 GERMANIA BOOKLET
and THE VARIOUS STAMP COMBINATIONS
FOUND IN THE PRODUCTION SHEETS



This exhibit shows how some of the first German booklets were produced using examples of the Germania booklet issued in March, 1921. This booklet contains five panes in the denomination of 40 pfennig, 30 pfennig and 10 pfennig stamps and was sold at post offices for 8 marks. Two of the booklet panes were made with se-tenant stamps (adjoining stamps that differ in design). The unique design of the production sheets needed to print these se-tenant booklets produced a variety of combinations available to the specialty collector.

In the following pages, you will see the source of these combinations.

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pane
contains
ten
#31
booklet
panes
from the
left side
of the
sheet.

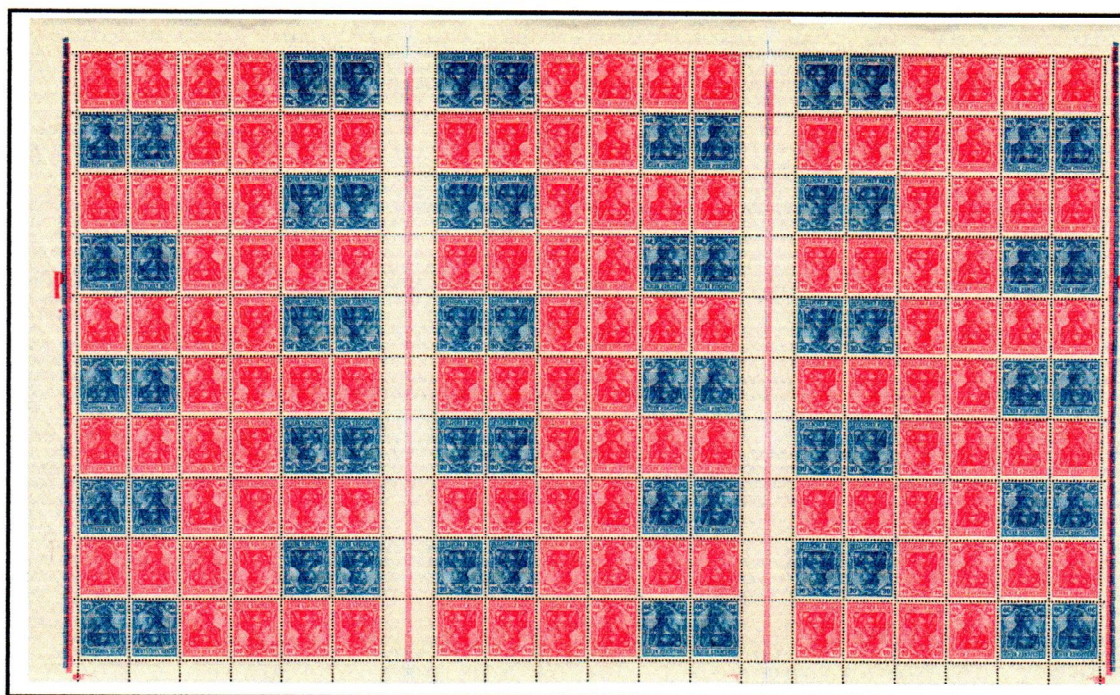


This 1/3
sheet
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ten
#29
booklet
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Printing the Sheets

The production sheets for these booklets were made with 21 horizontal fields in 10 vertical rows, resulting in 180 stamps and 30 blank fields. They were designed so the booklet panes could be cut to provide a tab at the left. The necessary arrangement of this design created numerous possibilities for stamp combinations.



The above mock-up is my best estimation of what a full production sheet would look like based on the information available.

Stamp Combinations

The MICHEL Germany Specialized catalog describes the various combinations that can be found on the sheets and assigns a letter code for each one. Below are the most common combinations:

MH = Stamp Booklet

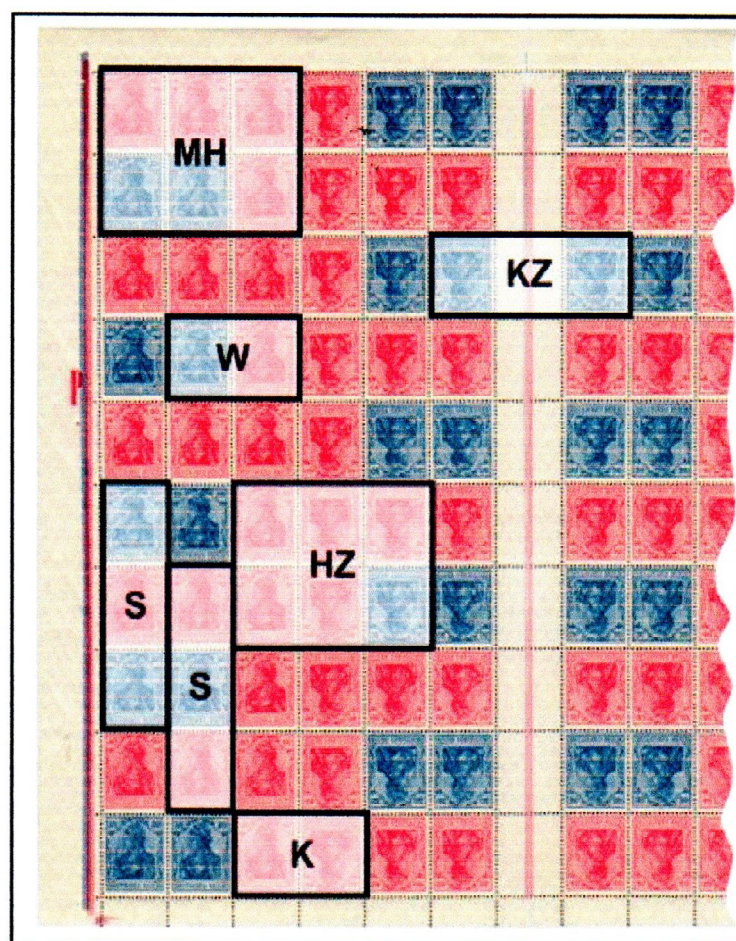
W = Horizontal se-tenant

S = Vertical se-tenant

K = Tete-beche

KZ = Tete-beche with gutter

HZ = Center piece with se-tenant
& Tete-beche



The highlighted areas show where on the sheet the combinations (listed above left) can be found.

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Complete booklet
as sold in post
offices in 1921



Advertizing
dividers were
placed between
each pane



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