

POSTCARDS™

Designer's Guide



Bikini-clad warthogs and big ugly apes. Kangaroos and flamingos, penguins and platypuses. Insects of all sizes and scariness. Cityscapes and moonscapes. Party hats and palm trees. The Eiffel Tower, Taj Mahal, pyramids and igloos. Even Abe Lincoln and the Mona Lisa. They're all part of the wild and wacky world of *POSTCARDS*. And they're all just waiting for you to turn them into the funniest postcards ever created.

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Turn Your Computer into a Wacky Postcard Maker

You've probably used your computer for a lot of different things. For work or homework. For organizing home business information. For games. Maybe even for creating other types of letters or cards. But you've probably never used your computer to create anything quite as wacky (and fun!) as the kinds of things you'll create with *POSTCARDS*.

POSTCARDS gives you everything you need to create your own original, far-out postcards.

For starters, you get the craziest assortment of creative clip-art ever compiled. There's a bikini-clad warthog. A platypus. A UFO. The Mona Lisa. Insects of all sizes and scariness. And scads more.

Then, you get a wide array of postcard backgrounds. Like a beach, farm, desert, cityscape—even a moonscape. So you can mix and match the most ridiculously unique combinations.

Put a one-eyed, three-antennaed alien at a busy downtown penguin crossing. Or show a giant tarantula crawling out from behind an erupting volcano. There are thousands of possible possibilities.

Plus, *POSTCARDS* comes with catchy captions as well as clip-art alphabets—for writing your own.

It only takes about five minutes to make your first postcard. Which means you can create quite a collection in no time at all.

Send 'em to your friends. For birthdays, party invitations, or just to impress them with your newfound wit.

Or keep your cards for yourself. Hang them on your walls. Fill a scrapbook with them. Use them as bookmarks or impossible-to-ignore memos to yourself.

Whatever you do with all the wacky postcards you make, they're sure to get a laugh every time. And you're sure to have a laugh and a half making them.

Put a Penguin on the Moon—or Elsewhere

Your *POSTCARDS* disk is filled with all kinds of wacky images and background scenes. There are animals, people, buildings, vehicles, foods, trees, signs—even letters and captions.

Use your paint program to copy, paste and create your postcards. You'll first **Copy** the images you choose, then **Paste** the images onto a background. For example, you could Copy the penguin, then Paste him on the moon.

When all your images and words are exactly where you want them, print your postcard, cut it out and glue it on card stock. *Voila!* A work of art. A funny cartoon. A great way to communicate!

Other Places to Put a Penguin

Besides the moon, there are lots of other places to put a penguin. In fact, there are so many scenes to keep track of we've provided the following list so you can quickly get to the place you want.

SCENE 1 Arctic (top)
 Beach (bottom)

SCENE 2 Cityscape (top)
 Country Road (bottom)

SCENE 3 Desert (top)
 Farm (bottom)

SCENE 4 Main Street (top)
 Moonscape (bottom)

SCENE 5 Mountains (top)
 Volcano (bottom)

Getting Ready

Now that you've had an overview of what you'll find on your *POSTCARDS* disk, you're ready to load it into your computer so you can see it all for yourself.

Loading *POSTCARDS*

Before loading *POSTCARDS*, make sure you have a formatted work disk on hand for saving your cracked creations. Then follow these steps:

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Insert your *MacPaint*, *FULLPAINT*, *SuperPaint*, or *Paintworks Plus* disk in your disk drive, label side up. If you have only one disk drive, eject your paint disk after booting it.
3. Insert the *POSTCARDS* disk in your one disk drive or into your second disk drive if you have two.
4. Open the *POSTCARDS* disk as you would any other disk—by pointing and clicking.
5. Open the ©1987 Activision, Inc or Activision file to view the title screen.

One Disk Drive or Two?

If you're using one disk drive, you'll have to swap the *POSTCARDS* disk with your paint program when prompted.

If you're using two disk drives, insert your paint program disk in your internal drive and your *POSTCARDS* disk in your external drive.

Using Your Paint Program

Your *POSTCARDS* program works directly with *MacPaint*, *FULLPAINT*, *SuperPaint*, or *Paintworks Plus*. Which makes it easy for you to design, modify, and print out your postcards.

If you use *FULLPAINT*, *SuperPaint*, or *Paintworks Plus* instead of *MacPaint*, you should be able to use all the commands and functions similar to the *MacPaint* features mentioned in this guide.

Use your paint program the way you normally would, pulling down menus and selecting commands by pointing and clicking. If you forget exactly how to use a particular command, please consult your paint program manual or click on the **Introduction** command in the **Goodies** menu.

With *MacPaint*, *FULLPAINT*, *SuperPaint*, or *Paintworks Plus*, you can **Open** files and work with the art files in the *POSTCARDS* program. You can, of course, **Save** your work, and **Print** it out.

You can **Draw** your own additions to the *POSTCARDS* clip art, **Erase** mistakes, **Fill** in areas, even do detailed designs and touch-ups with the **FatBits** command.

You'll use the **Copy** and **Paste** commands for picking up and putting down things like animals, plants, buildings, even your own drawings. And use the **Text** feature for creating greetings and catchy captions.

You'll also be able to use other commands like **Flip Horizontal**, **Flip Vertical** and **Rotate**, as well as **Brush Mirrors** and **Edit Pattern**. In fact, anything you can do with your paint program, you can do with your *POSTCARDS* clip art program.

Creating Your Own Wacky Postcards

Now that you have an understanding of what's in the *POSTCARDS* files and how they work with your paint program, you're ready to make your own postcards.

The step-by-step instructions in the following section show you how to create your first postcard—a birthday version.

As you run through the steps, the commands you need to use are shown in bold type, so that you'll know when you need to access your paint program menus. If you forget exactly how to use one of these commands, please go back and review the appropriate section of your paint program manual.

Six Easy Steps to Making a Postcard

1. Pick Out the Scene

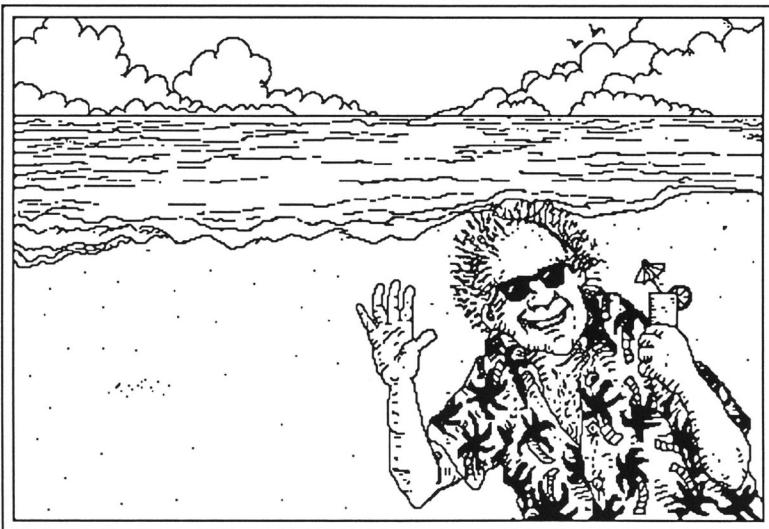
Open the **SCENE 1** file and, using the **Save As** command, give it a new name—like **BIRTHDAY**—and save it on your work disk. Then **Close** the file.

2. Pick Out the Art

Open the **PEOPLE 2** file. Use the **lasso** with the **Copy** command to select the guy in the Hawaiian shirt—or any other image—to put on your postcard. Then **Close** the file.

3. Place the Art

Open your new **BIRTHDAY** (or whatever name you used) file. Using the **Paste** command, position your guy in the Hawaiian shirt in the bottom right corner of the beach (the bottom scene on the page). Then **Close** and **Save** your file.



4. Pick Out a Message

Open the **LETTERS** file. Use the lasso with the **Copy** command to select "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" and place it on your postcard as described in steps 2 and 3 above.

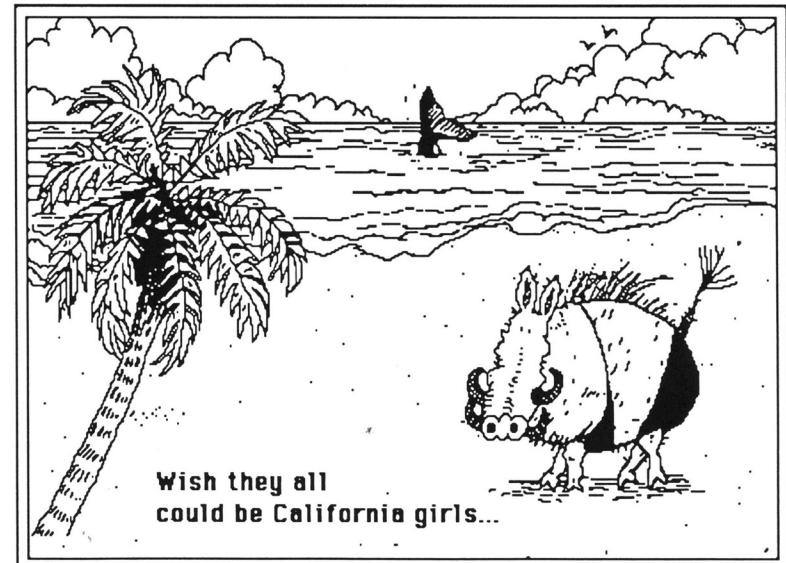
5. Print

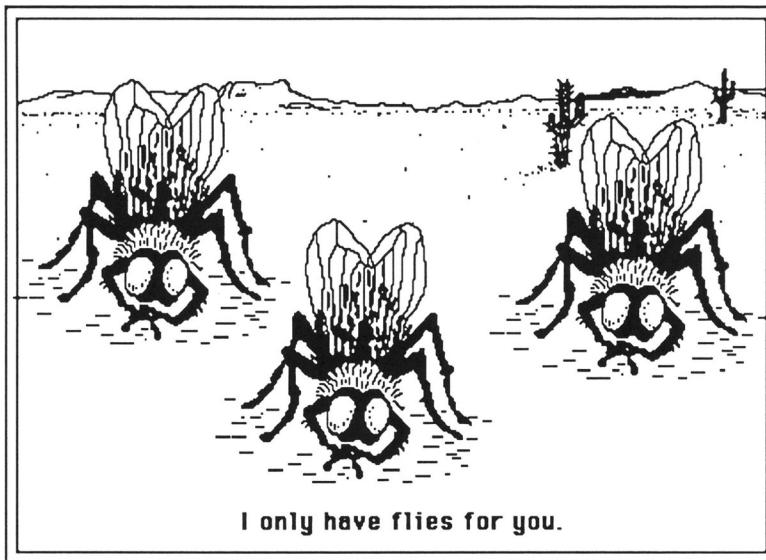
Just click on your **Print** command.

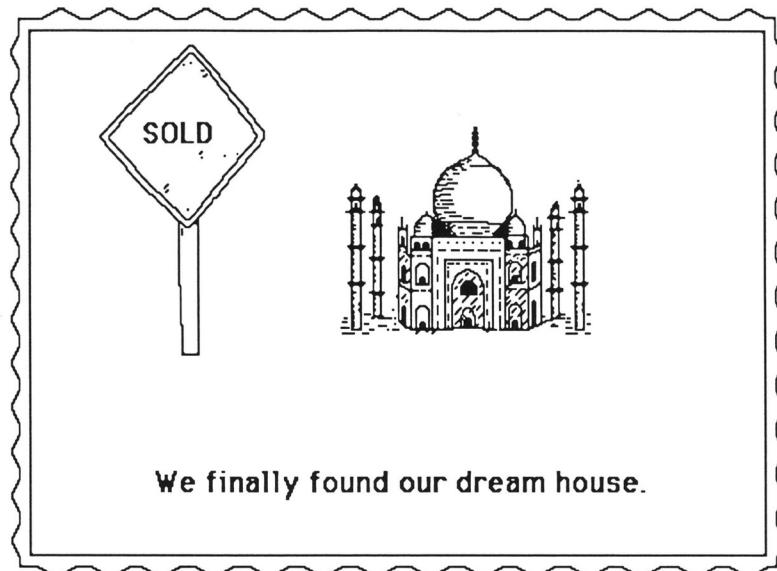
6. Cut and Glue to Card Stock

Loosely cut out your postcard and glue it to the card stock. When the glue has dried, trim the card stock, if necessary, to "fit" your printed card.

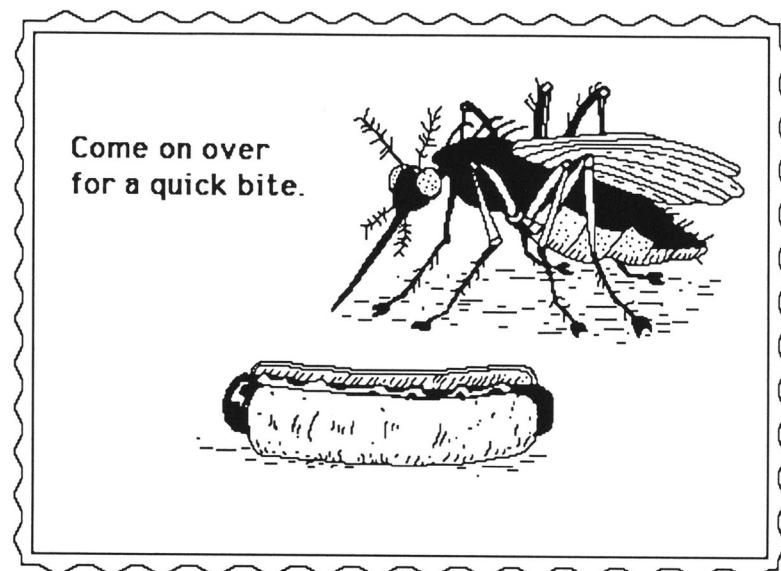
Some Silly Samples







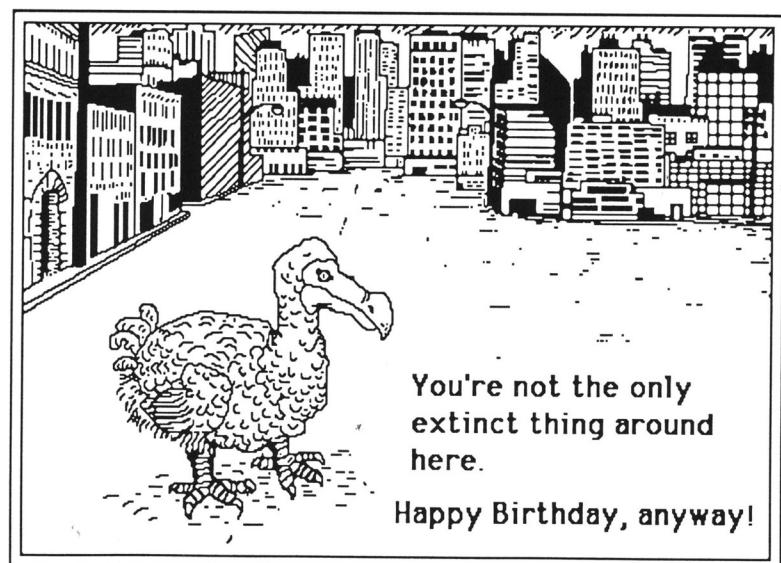
We finally found our dream house.



Come on over
for a quick bite.



If the sharks don't get you,
the gators will.



You're not the only
extinct thing around
here.

Happy Birthday, anyway!

Some Cracked Captions for Everyday Use

One thing about the clip art in *POSTCARDS*—it's funny just about any way you look at it, and no matter what you say along with it.

With a lot of your postcard creations, you'll know just what message you want to send before you put fingers to keyboard. But for those times when words fail you, here's a bunch of punchy captions that will work on a variety of postcards.

- I don't know these people...
- It's about time?
- Not again!
- What am I doing here?
- Wait for me.
- Let the good times roll.
- I'm getting cold feet.
- The happy couple.
- We're just one big happy family.
- How do I look?
- Here comes the bride.
- There's no turning back now.
- Out of order.
- Speak for yourself!

Hints and Tips

Ways to Use Your Postcards

There are a lot of different things you can do with your postcards once you make them.

The first—and most obvious, of course—is to use them as postcards. Send them to your friends. Send them to your relatives. Your teachers. Your boss. Anyone.

Instead of Cards

Postcards can also be sent instead of conventional cards for many different occasions. Here are just a few:

Birthdays
Invitations
Thank-You's
Congratulations
Valentine's Day
Halloween
Thanksgiving
Graduation

Just for Fun

You don't always have to *send* postcards to have fun with them. Here are a few ideas for other ways to use them.

- As name tags or place cards for a party.
- As madcap memos.
- As notices—to stick on a bulletin board.
- As reminders—to stick on your refrigerator.
- Create a scrapbook with them.
- Decorate an office or bedroom wall with them.
- As bookmarks.
- Frame them.
- Use them instead of gift tags.

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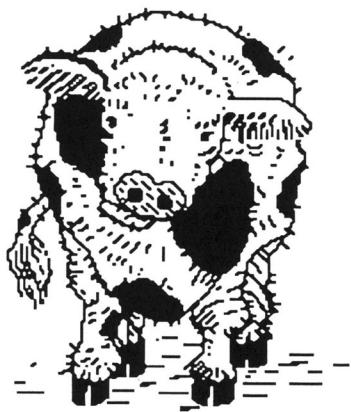
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Here's a list of the clip art on your **POSTCARDS** disk, along with the file name and number where you'll find each image.

SCENE

SCENE	File #
Arctic	1
Beach	1
Cityscape	2
Country Road	2
Desert	3
Farm	3
Main Street	4
Moonscape	4
Mountains	5
Volcano	5
Blank (front)	TEMPLATES
Blank (back)	TEMPLATES

STRUCTURES FILE

Arc D'Triomphe
Billboard
Burning House
Castles
Eiffel Tower
Igloo
Motel D'Triomphe
Pyramid
Shack D'Triomphe
Taj Majal
Teepees
Village

SIGNS FILE

"Caution"
"Detour Ahead"
"Interstate Highway"
"No Parking"
Parking Meter
"Slippery When Wet"
"Soft Shoulders"
"Speed Limit"
"Stop"
"Wrong Way"
"Yield"

FILE #

OBJECTS FILE

Ball
Balloon
Easter Island Stoneface
Flag (American)
Mona Lisa
Party Hats
The Thinker
Trees
Umbrellas
Winged Victory

EDIBLES FILE

Apple
Birthday Cake
Bread and Jug
Candle
Champagne
Coffee & Mug
Corn
Egg
Hot Dog
Ice Cream Sundae
Orange
Pie
Pineapple
Potato
Rose
Salt & Pepper
Teapot
Toaster



<u>PEOPLE</u>	<u>File #</u>	<u>ANIMALS</u>	<u>File #</u>
Abraham Lincoln	3	Alligators	5
Alien	2	Ants	2
American Gothic Couple	3	Armadillo	2
Astronaut	1	Bear	1
Baby	1	Bug	2
Ballerina	3	Bull	1
Bathing Beauty	3	Cats	3
Beach couple	1	Cow	1
Business-kind-of-guy	2	Crab	5
Crawling Westerner	2	Cricket	2
Elderly Monarch	3	Dinosaur	4
Eskimo	1	Dodo	4
Fat Beach Person	1	Dogs	3
Freud, Sigmund	3	Duck	3
Hula Dancer	1	Fish	5
Indians	2	Flamingos	4
Jungle Men	2	Fly	2
Mother-in-law	3	Gorilla	4
Mountie	2	Hen	3
Napoleon	3	Kangaroo	4
Panicked Crowd	1	Lizard	2
Party-kind-of-guy	2	Lobster	5
Prophet	2	Mole	3
Robot	1	Moose	1
Romantic Couple	1	Mosquito	2
Skier	1	Mouse	3
Sportsman	2	Penguins	5
Tourist	2	Platypus	5

TRANSPORTATION FILE

Airplane	
Balloon (hot air)	
Blimp	
Dog Sled	
Flying Saucer	
More Skiers	
Parachutist	
Rocket Ship	
Trucks	

