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Let's Color Coins!

The United States Mint has been making coins for well over 200 years.

Coins have had many different designs on both the front (obverse) and back (reverse) from the first copper cents produced in 1793 to quarters honoring each of the 50 states and territories.

This coloring book shows some of the Mint's coin designs honoring important people, places, and events in U.S. history.

Did You Know?

The U.S. Mint makes billions of coins a year!



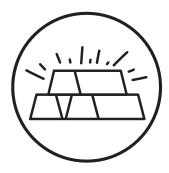
Two federal government agencies make America's currency and coins.

The United States Mint makes coins. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) makes paper currency. Both agencies are part of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



Where Is the U.S. Mint?

The U.S. Mint has facilities in six different places around the country. Learn about each of the Mint's facilities below.



Fort Knox Bullion Depository

Location: Fort Knox, Kentucky First opened to store gold, the U.S. Bullion Depository makes no coins.



San Francisco Mint

Location: San Francisco, California Makes commemorative coins and proof coins. Features state-of-the-art robotics used for packaging.



Denver Mint

Location: Denver, Colorado Makes circulating and commemorative coins, uncirculated sets, coin dies, and stores gold and silver. Provides public tours!



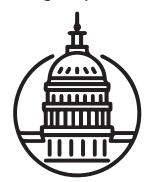
West Point Mint

Location: West Point, New York Makes commemorative, uncirculated, proof, and bullion coins. It also stores precious metals.



Philadelphia Mint

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Makes circulating and commemorative coins, uncirculated sets, medals, and coin and medal dies. Also gives public tours!



Mint Headquarters

Location: Washington, District of Columbia Responsible for coin laws, research, marketing, business practices, and this coloring book!

Circulating Coins

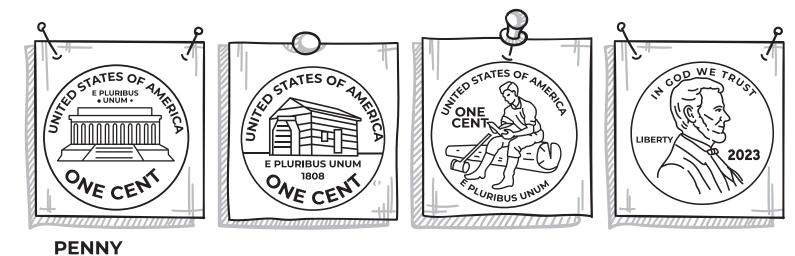
A circulating coin is used in daily life as money. These include the penny, nickel, dime, and quarter. Today, half dollars and \$1 coins are produced as collectibles. However, they may still be used as money.

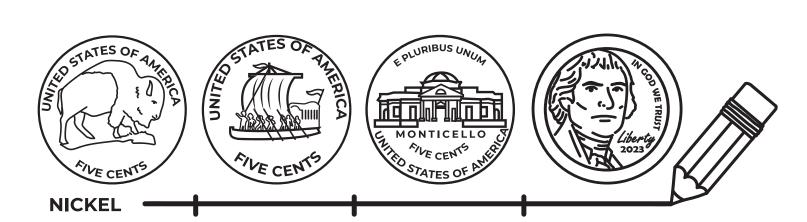


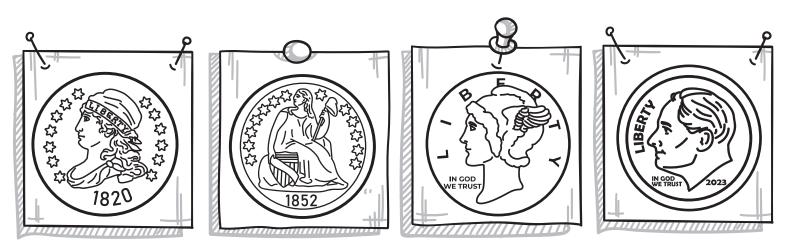
Coins Over Time

Coin designs have changed throughout history. Our coins can show people, symbols, words, or mythical figures. Which designs have you seen before?

Circle them!



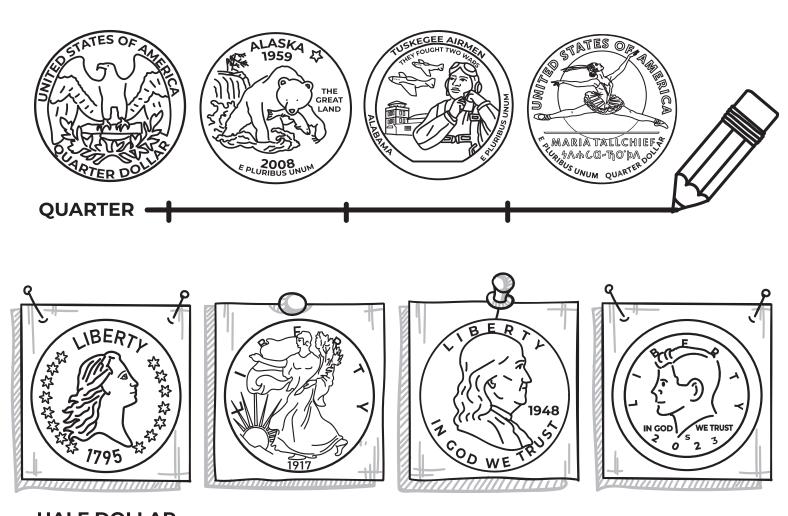




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Coins Over Time



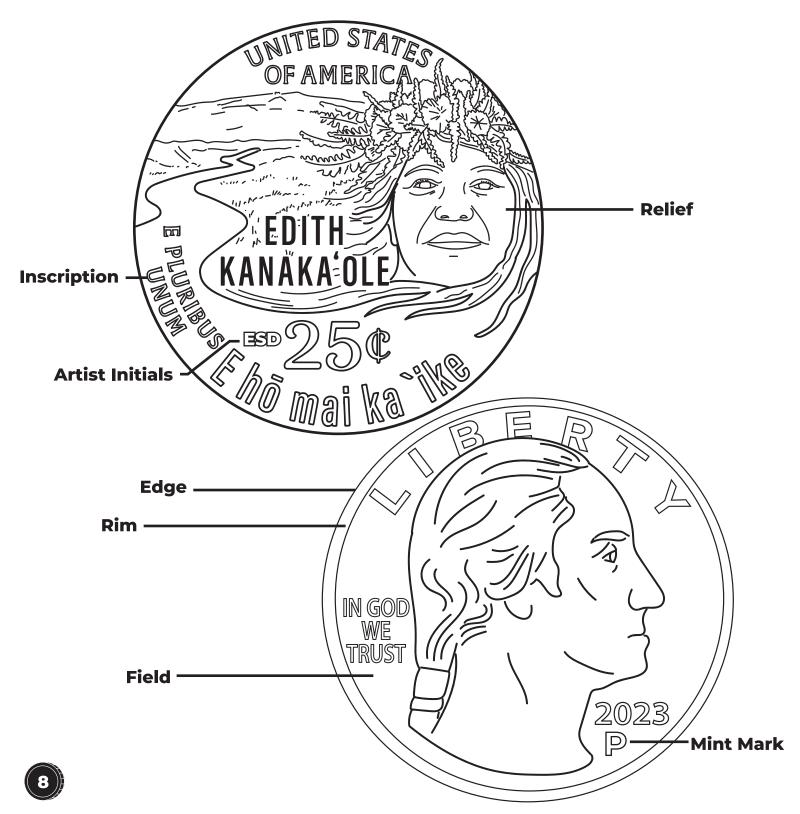
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Parts of a Coin

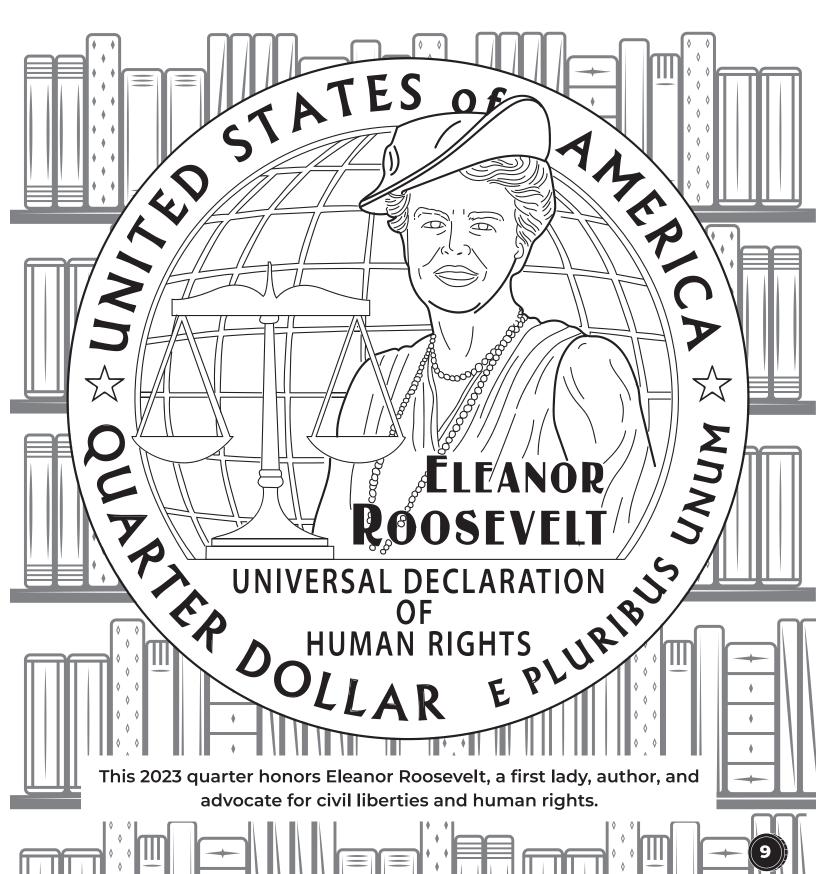
Coins can be made of different metals, designs, and sizes, but each coin has the same parts. Learn about the different parts of a coin below.

This 2023 quarter features Edith Kanaka'ole, an indigenous Hawaiian composer and a keeper of native culture, traditions, and the natural land.



Eleanor Roosevelt Quarter

The American Women Quarters™ Program celebrates the important contributions made by American women to our country.



Bessie Coleman Quarter

Bessie Coleman was the first African American and first Native American woman pilot. She was also the first African American to earn an international pilot's license. The reverse (tails) depicts Bessie Coleman as she suits up in preparation for flight.



Jovita Idar Quarter

Jovita Idar was a Mexican-American journalist, activist, teacher, and suffragist. She devoted her life to fighting against separatist ideologies and sought to create a better future for Mexican-Americans.

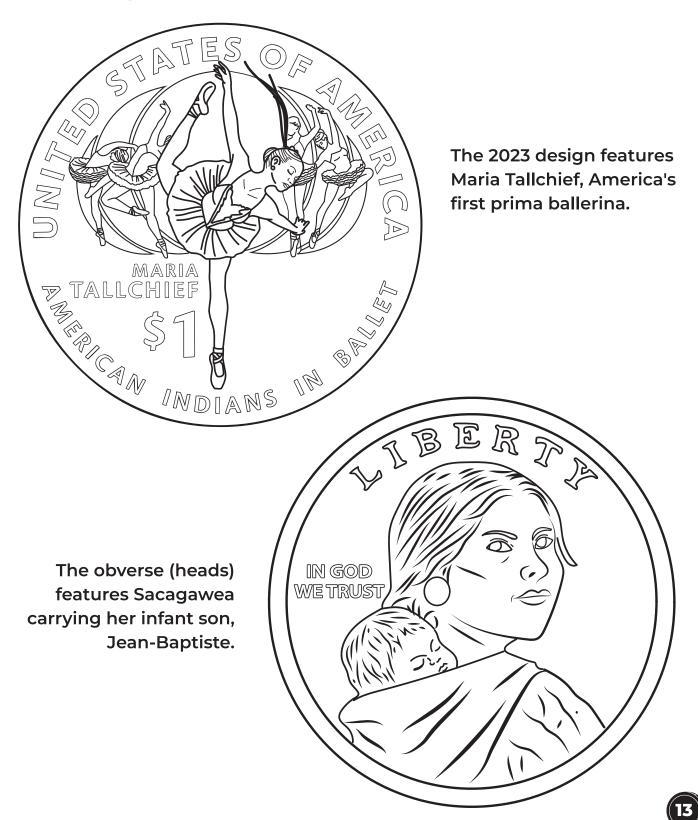


The reverse (tails) shows Jovita Idar with her hands clasped. Within her body are inscriptions representing some of her greatest accomplishments and the newspapers for which she wrote.



Native American \$1 Coin

Native American dollar coins honor Native Americans throughout history. The 2023 design honors Maria Tallchief, the first American prima ballerina. She broke barriers as a Native American ballet dancer, showing strength both on and off the stage. She is also honored on a 2023 American Women Quarter.



Louisiana \$1 Coin

The American Innovation \$1 Coin representing Louisiana recognizes the invention of the Higgins Boat. The Landing Craft, Vehicle and Personnel (LCVP), or Higgins Boat, is credited with helping the Allies win World War II.



American Innovation \$1 Coins

The American Innovation dollar coins feature designs that show a significant innovation, innovator, or group of innovators from each of the 50 states, five U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.



The 2023 Ohio coin reverse (tails) design honors the Underground Railroad, which was a network of individuals, families, friends, and churches that secretly helped enslaved people escape to freedom.

The common obverse (heads) of all the American Innovation coins features the Statue of Liberty.



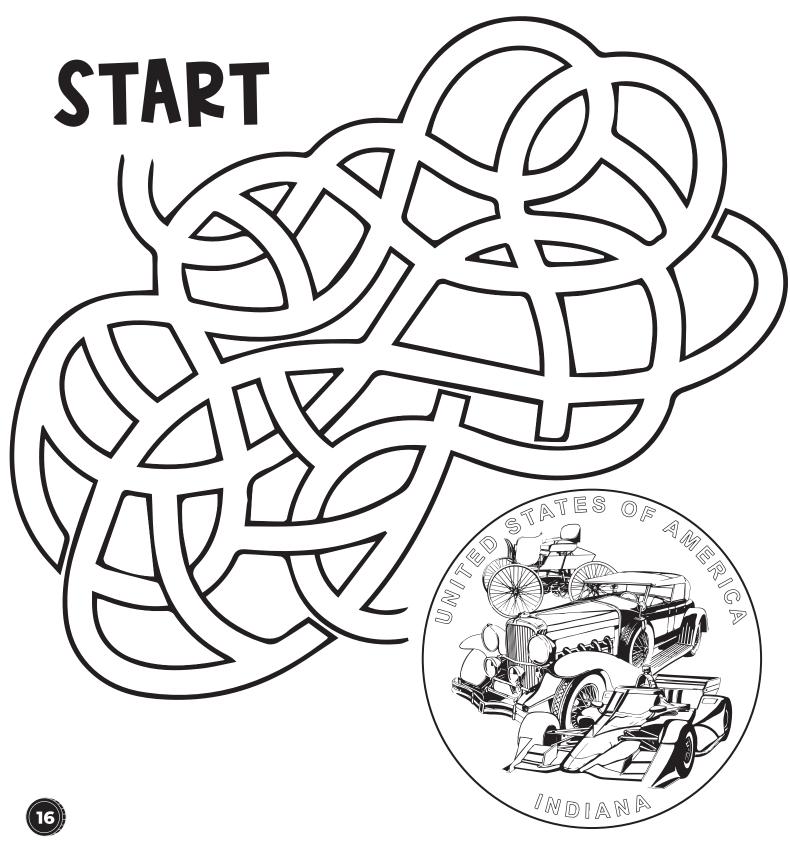


The 2023 Mississippi coin reverse (tails) design celebrates the first lung transplant ever performed, showing a pair of human lungs and one surgeon passing a tool to another.

Indiana \$1 Coin

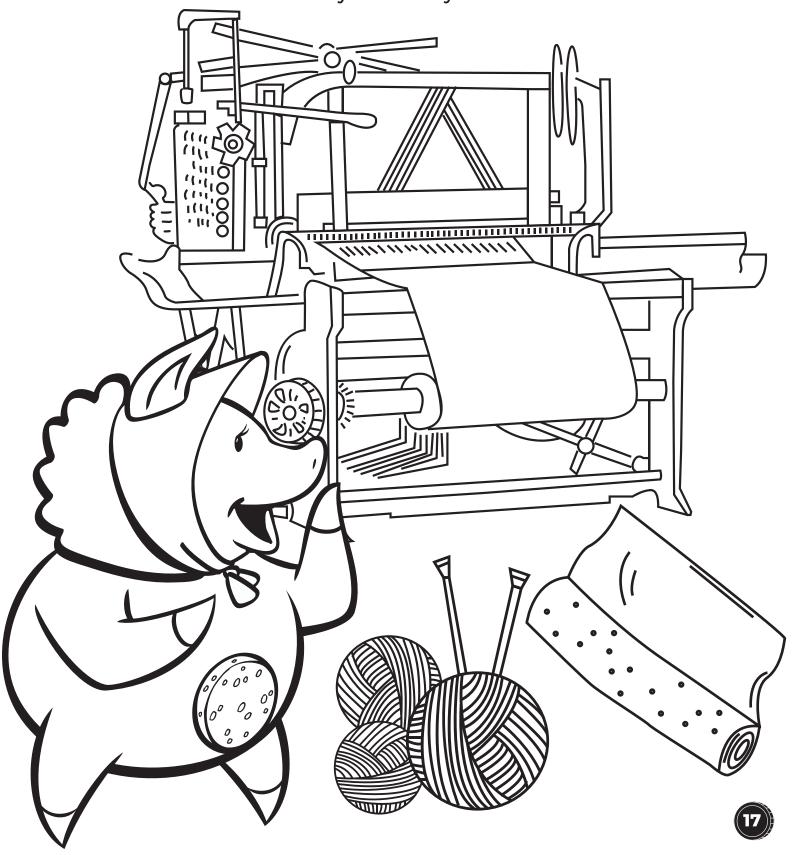
The American Innovation \$1 Coin representing Indiana recognizes the automobile industry. Indiana has a long history of automobile manufacturing and promoting the automobile in American popular culture through car racing.

The Indianapolis 500 is one of the world's oldest car races.



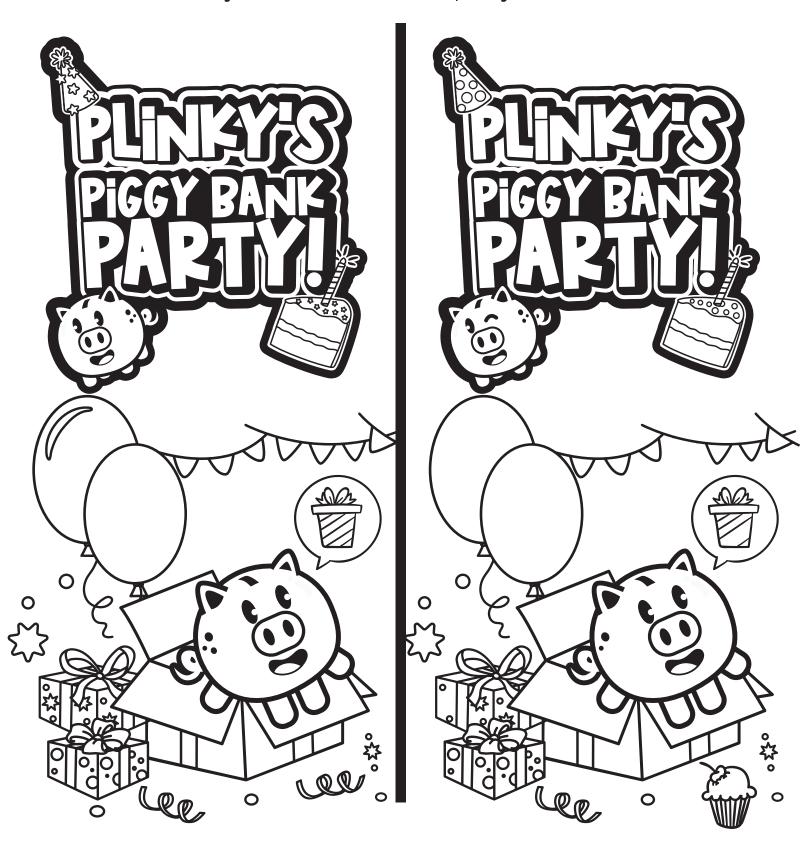
Textile Tales

In 2019, the Mint released the Lowell National Historical Park Quarter as part of the America the Beautiful Quarters® Program. The coin depicts a "mill girl" working at a loom in a factory. The Textile Tales game brings the Industrial Revolution to life as you choose your own adventure.



Spot the Difference

Find the differences between these two scenes from the game, Plinky's Piggy Bank Party. There are 10 differences; can you find them all?

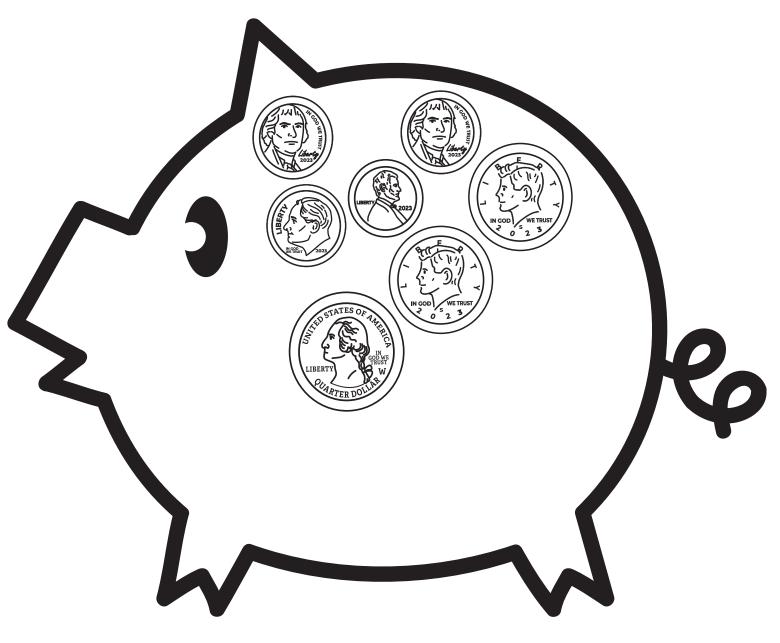




Play Plinky's Piggy Bank Party on www.usmint.gov/kids.

Count the Coins

Count the number of each type of coin inside the piggy bank. Then write your answers on the lines below.



Penny



Nickel



Dime



Quarter



Half Dollar



Design Your Own Coin

What do you want to see on a coin? Draw your design using the template below.

