

Saudi Arabia

Observations on some stamp designs
and catalogue entries

1981/82 - A-tractor-ive design



top left: 16 Oct 1981 FAO World Food Day (SG1277, Mi 712)

top right: 16 Oct 1982 FAO World Food Day
design used in 1981 reversed for 1982
(SG 1343, Mi 759)

2006 - Medina, City of the Prophet



Miniature sheet - examples exhibit colour tone differences
(in common with many issues) (also see next slide)
(SG MS2137, Mi blk 40)

Printing error – red blob on RH inset



2014 - Okaz Market



Listed as one design, but if we examine background pattern carefully...

Okaz Market – background pattern



Background pattern repeats every 33mm, whilst
the stamps are 40 mm wide. Listed as one design in SG. (SG2269).

Okaz Market – colour tones



Background colour varies from dull brown to yellowish-brown.

2015 - Royal Family series



Non-regular pattern (based on Saudi flag) results in four different background designs on sheetlet.

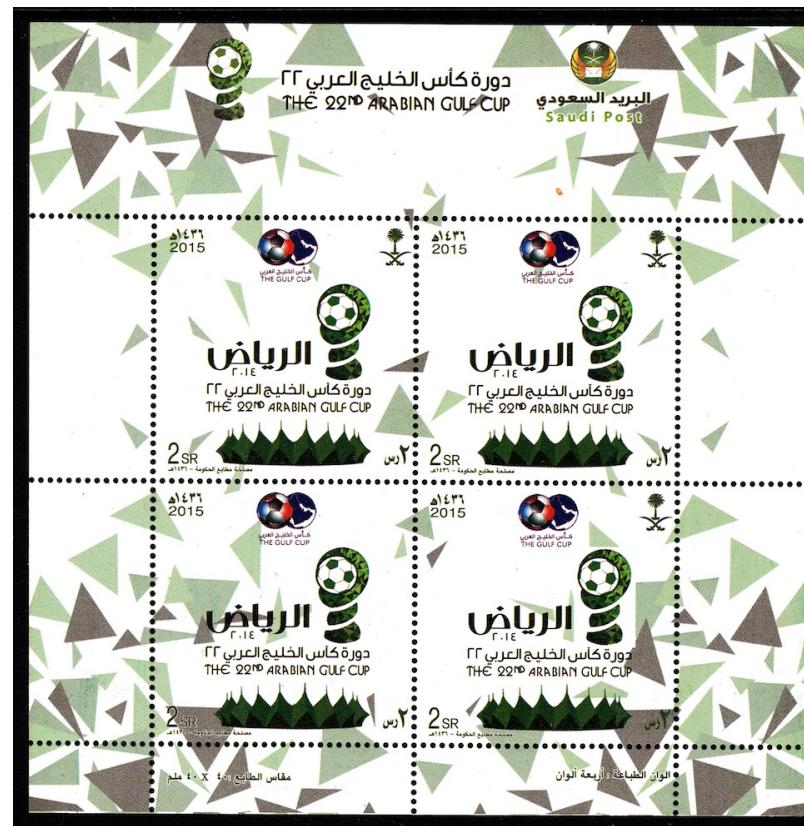
(L – R SG 2277, 2278, 2279 –
in each case 1 design
inferred)

2015 - Crown Princes



As with earlier designs of Royal Family – these stamps are on an irregular background, resulting in four different stamps. (L – SG 2284, R – SG 2283 – 1 design inferred)

2015 – Arabian Gulf Cup (Football)



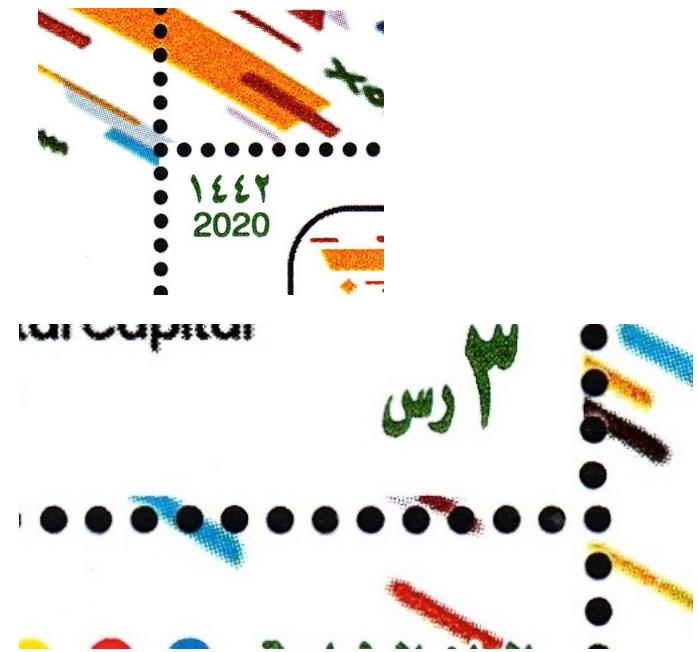
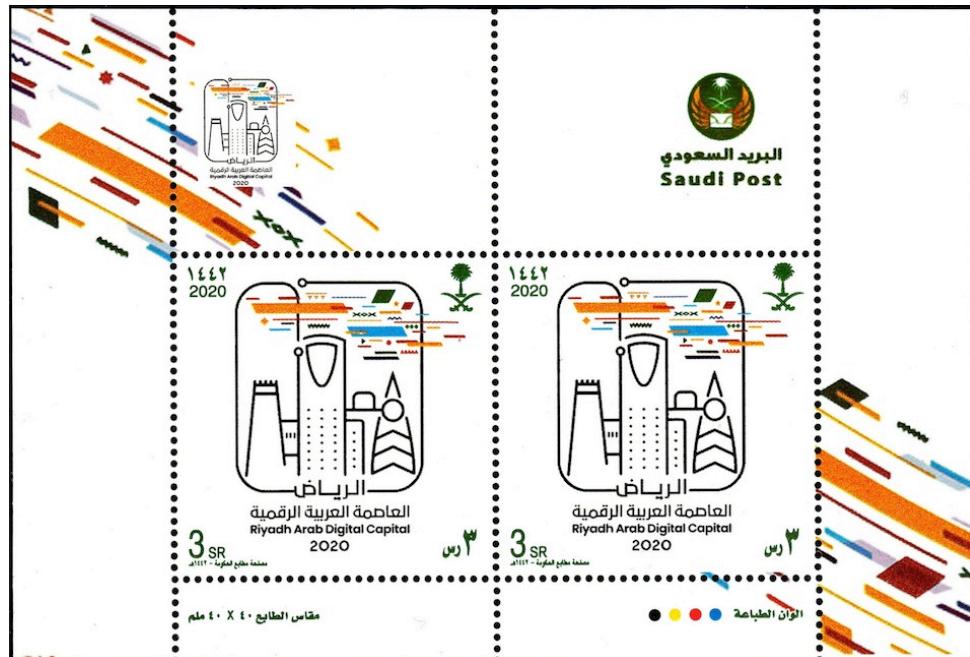
SG catalogue (magazine supplement Oct 2015) mentions that stamp has image type 554 “and similar designs”, but makes no mention of missing national logo, which appears to be missing from every lower LH stamp on every sheetlet. (SG MS 2281 – infers 4 designs based on type 554).

2018 – King Abdul Aziz Camel Festival



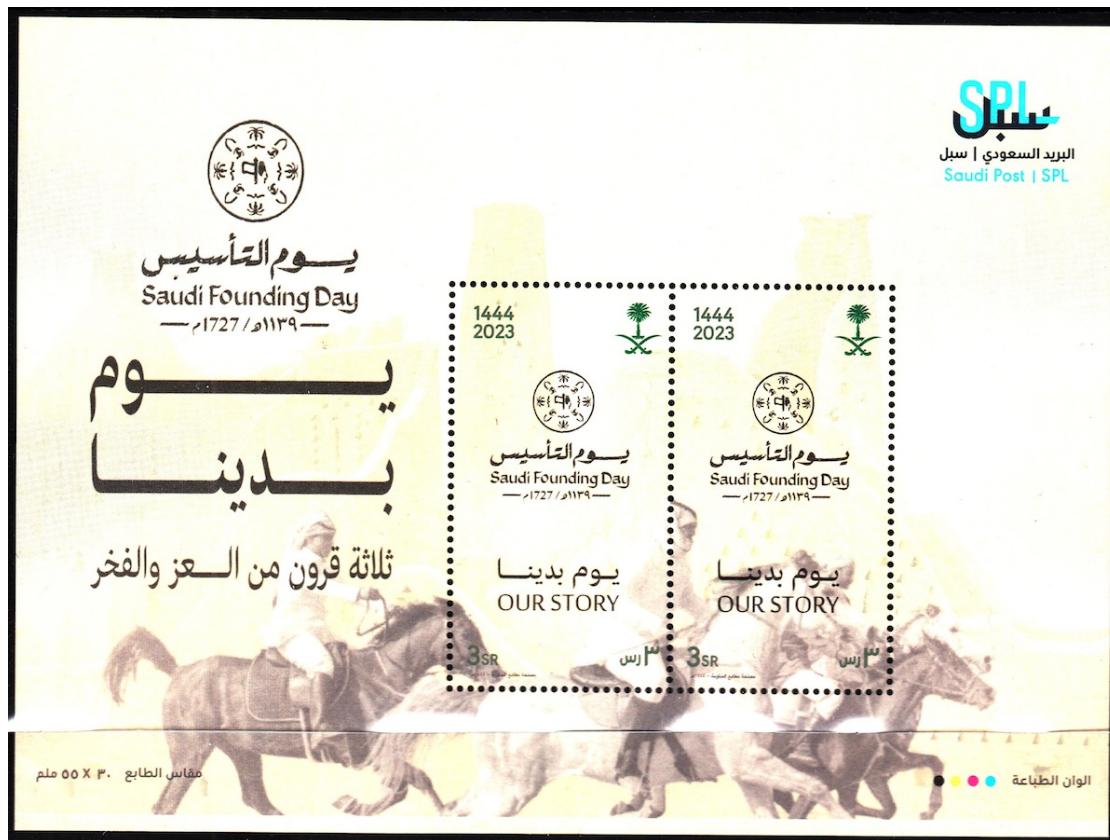
Two designs, based on background.
(SG – MS 2309, two designs listed).

2020 - Riyadh – Capital of Arabic Media



This sheetlet needs to be accurately perforated in order to avoid the background encroaching into the stamp (top left LH stamp, lower right RH stamp). (SG – Not yet listed in SOTW)

2023 - Saudi Founding Day



Two stamp designs, based
on the background – what
will the catalogues say?