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Mint marking 250 with special coins

Feature designs showing historical milestones

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The U.S. Mint is issuing special circulating coins to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America’s adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

Quarters, dimes and nickels minted during 2026 will bear special designs or markings reflecting milestones related to the nation’s founding in 1776. The U.S. Mint revealed the coin designs Dec. 11; each of the coins will have history-related imagery and the dates “1776-2026.”

Five different semiquincentennial quarter designs will bear the likenesses of Founding Fathers including George Washington and James Madison. The dime will have inscriptions including “Liberty Over Tyranny.” The nickel keeps the image of Thomas Jefferson but adds the “1776-2026” designation.

The U.S. Mint will also issue a collectible Enduring Liberty half dollar and collectible 1776-2026 penny.

“The designs on these historic coins depict the story of America’s journey toward a ‘more perfect union,’ and celebrate America’s defining ideals of liberty,” Kristie McNally, the acting director of the U.S. Mint, said in a news release. “We hope to offer each American the opportunity to hold our nation’s storied 250 years of history in the palms of their hands as we Connect America through Coins.”

These new coins to celebrate the nation’s semiquincentennial are reminiscent of the coins issued by the U.S. Mint for the bicentennial in 1976.

For that celebration, the Mint issued quarters, half dollars and dollar coins with special reverse designs for the event, and all were circulated. But the Mint did sell special sets of coins and plans to do so for the 250th anniversary.

“It’s an opportunity for the Mint to do something fun and get people excited about coin collecting,” said John Feigenbaum, publisher of rare coin price guide Greysheet. “I love these designs. I think they represent real forward thinking on the Mint’s part to honor the 250th anniversary of the country.”

5 different quarters

There are five different quarter designs for the 250th anniversary – all share inscriptions such as “E Pluribus Unum,” “In God We Trust,” and “1776-2026.” Here’s the breakdown:

- **The Mayflower Compact:** On the coin’s front, there are two Pilgrims representing the Mayflower Compact,

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