



MyPostcard



MyPostcard is breathing life back into postcards

Upload a photo, add the text, enter an address and click send – and that's it. The photo gets mailed off as a real, completely personal postcard and holiday greeting for family or friends. The Berlin based start-up, MyPostcard, is bringing the postcard into the digital age.

MyPostcard is an app which allows you to send your own photos as real postcards anywhere worldwide. From a selection of over 10,000 designs, users are able to select the appropriate template to match their image, text and occasion, and personalize it accordingly. With prices starting at just £1.99, you can send this very personal greeting all over the world. Premium and XXL cards can also be individually ordered. MyPostcard takes care of the printing, stamping and worldwide shipping of postcards.

Designer and graffiti artist Oliver Kray launched MyPostcard in May 2014 in Berlin. Since then, he has built the start-up company into the most successful provider of postcards and greeting cards sent directly by app. MyPostcard now offers the largest selection of design templates out there and has been downloaded by app over two million times. More than six million postcards have been mailed worldwide via the MyPostcard app until now. As well as photo postcards, MyPostcard also offers photo greeting cards, postcard and greeting card sets and even photo prints.

In October 2016, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy selected MyPostcard to participate in the development program, German Accelerator. The program supports up and coming German start-ups in gaining a foothold in the US market. Since 2016, MyPostcard has been active in the US market from its office base in New York. In addition to this, the company has won a place on Facebook's own new accelerator program, "FbStart" in the USA.

In 2018, Deutsche Post AG merged its Funcard app with MyPostcard, entering into a long-term cooperation with the market leader in postcards apps, MyPostcard. Funcard app users experienced an easy switch to the MyPostcard app and were offered free credit to get themselves started. From 01.12.2018 onwards, the Funcard app is no longer available to download.

Social commitments are very important to the 25-strong MyPostcard team. This is why the start-up company entered in to a cooperation with N24 / Axel Springer in 2017, working on a campaign to free world correspondent, Deniz Yücel, then still imprisoned in Turkey.

Together with the publisher, the start-up called on people to send the journalist postcards in prison. MyPostcard provided 10,000 postcards to be sent free to Turkey with a personalised message. MyPostcard currently supports various social projects worldwide, including the American Heart Association, All Out, Rotary International Club and Terre des Femmes.

Information: www.mypostcard.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mypostcard/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/mypostcardapp/

Wikipedia: <https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/MyPostcard>

From your fingertips to the whole world: here's how MyPostcard works

After successfully downloading the app (via the App Store for iPhone and iPad or the Google Play Store for Android) and registering, users are able to make a postcard using their own photos and choose from various formats and over 10,000 design templates. The text on the back of the postcard is shown as “digital handwriting” and allows the postcard to be made even more personal. After entering the address of the recipient and confirmation of the order, the postcard is processed within 24 hours on weekdays. Orders received on the weekend will be printed and sent on Monday morning. MyPostcard takes care of printing, stamping and sending the postcard. Regardless of its destination worldwide, postcards are sent at a cost starting as low as £1.99. Premium and XXL cards can be ordered individually.



Graffiti artist, designer and business man: MyPostcard founder, Oliver Kray

Oliver Kray (born in 1981) is the founder and CEO of MyPostcard. The designer and façade artist founded the start-up in May 2014.

By the time he'd reached young adulthood, Oliver Kray had already made a name for himself across Germany as a graffiti artist. He began his artistic career right after finishing school, at the renowned Lette-Verein, where he studied fashion design. He presented his first fashion collection before he graduated. Shortly after, Oliver Kray founded his first company under the name, "Colors of Berlin", bringing his first children's fashion collection to the European market.



As a product designer, he subsequently worked for, among others; Leonardo Glas; the wallpaper manufacturer, Rasch; the car manufacturer, Audi and the car rental company, Sixt. In 2012, he designed several designer bakeries for the self-service bakery company, MaitreBack, in Berlin. As well as working as a designer in these different industries, Oliver Kray further developed his reputation as a façade artist and won several prizes in the same including the German Façade Prize. His colourful façade artworks decorate single or multi-family houses, hotels, company buildings and large tenement house across the whole of Germany. One such vast project involved creating the world's largest Mercedes star, which he painted on the roof of the Mercedes-Benz Arena in Berlin within two weeks.

In between all this, Oliver Kray founded a social media agency with friends, which he left four years later when the idea for MyPostcard began to take shape. Even now, he still works occasionally as a freelance designer outside of MyPostcard. At the moment, Oliver Kray is enthusiastically committed to the global and product expansion of MyPostcard as well as the development of other mobile photo apps. He currently lives and works in Berlin and New York.

Facts and Figures

Company:	MyPostcard
Website:	www.mypostcard.com
Market entry:	Mai 2014
Founder and CEO:	Oliver Kray
Headquarters:	Berlin
Other bases:	New York
Employees:	25
Industry branch:	Tourismus / E-Commerce

Business model:

- Send your own photos by app as printed postcards
- Printed, stamped and mailed by MyPostcard
- Postcard costs start at £1.99 for any address worldwide

USPs:

- More than 10,000 design templates and as such the widest range worldwide
- International product available anywhere, anytime
- Available in ten languages

How it works:

- Download the App
- Choose a format
- Choose photos and design
- Enter the recipient's address
- Printed, stamped and mailed by MyPostcard

FAQs

Who uses the MyPostcard app?

The MyPostcard app is predominantly used by people aged between 25 and 45, including young couples and families with children. A significant proportion of users are also accounted for by people in the age range of 50 plus.

How does MyPostcard differ from other German providers?

MyPostcard is the most successful provider of postcards and greeting cards which can be sent either online or directly via app. With over 10,000 designs, MyPostcard has the widest selection of design templates worldwide and has been downloaded more than two million times. So far, over six million postcards have been sent worldwide via the MyPostcard app. Each year, more than two million postcards are sent. As well as this, MyPostcard is the most committed company in its industry in supporting social projects worldwide.

Who creates the design templates and why there are price differences between different designs?

MyPostcard currently offers over 10,000 design templates in its product range with new designs being added daily. The designs are created by MyPostcard graphic designers, external artists and social media influencers. Some motifs though - such as Bibi Blocksberg, the Diddl mouse, Ralph Ruthe and Bibi & Tina - are added by licensors. As a result, prices vary accordingly. Among other things, the company is working to create a platform that allows wide-reach influencers to offer their images via MyPostcard.

How does printing, stamping and shipping work?

MyPostcard works with a print shop in Berlin and two print shops in the US - one in New York City and one in Rockchester. Postcards whose destination lies on the American continent are printed in the USA. All other postcards are printed in Berlin. Increased cooperation with numerous printing companies worldwide is planned in the course of further internationalisation.

Which countries send the most postcards to Germany?

Most postcards come from Europe - especially Spain, Italy, France and the UK - followed by the USA.

Where do most of the postcards sent from Germany end up?

Germans mostly send postcards inside of Germany. This is followed by the United States, Great Britain and France.

How many postcards are sent each year?

In 2019, three million cards are expected to be sent via MyPostcard.

What happens if postcards do not arrive?

In the case of a postcard not arriving, it will be sent out again or the amount will be refunded.

What prizes has MyPostcard won?

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