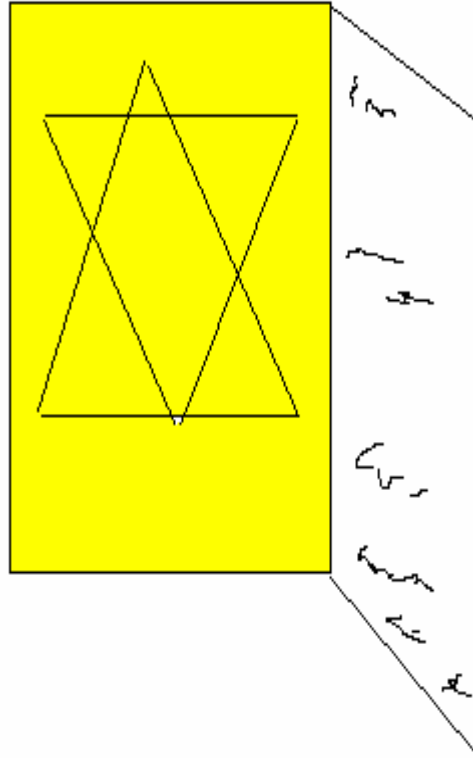


Christmas cards



Traditionally Christmas cards showed pictures of Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus or other parts of the Christmas story. However today it is more common to see winter scenes. Christmas cards originated in England over 150 years ago.

The first Christmas card was created and sent in 1843 by a man named Calcott Horsley. It is said that the average person in England sends around 50 Christmas cards a year. In 1846 1000 cards were sold to the public at 1 shilling each. People all over the world send Christmas cards to their friends and family.