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525th birth anniversary of Francysk Skaryna

On April 16, 2015 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue the souvenir sheet "525th birth anniversary of Francysk Skaryna".

Designer: Ivan Lukin. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** multicoloured. **Paper:** chalk-surfaced, gummed. **Perforation:** frame 13^{1/2}:13. **Size of the stamp in the souvenir sheet:** 52x29,5 mm. **Size of the souvenir sheet:** 65x55 mm. While printing the souvenir sheet they used the technology of thermal stamping by metalized foil of silver colour. **Print quantity:** 15.000 souvenir sheets.

The souvenir sheet was printed at the Republican Unitary Enterprise "Bobruisk Integrated Printing House named after A.T.Nepogodin".

Souvenir sheet No. 112



Elements of protection

No. 1066

525th birth anniversary of Francysk Skaryna
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Historical reference: Francysk Skaryna (born about 1490 – died about 1551) is a Belarusian and Eastern Slavic first book printer, educator and humanist, writer, social activist, scientist and physician. He began his publishing activity in Prague. There in 1517 he founded a printing house and published "The Psalter" the first printed Belarusian book. In total during 1517-1519 he translated into the Old Belarusian language and printed 23 Bible books.

In 1520 Francysk Skaryna moved to Vilnius, the capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, where he opened the first printing house in the state. In this printing house in 1522 he published "The Little Travel Book" and in 1525 – the book "Apostle".



Colour of the postmark - black.
Special **postmark** and **FDC**
designed by I. Lukin

A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out on the souvenir sheet issuing day at the post office No.16 of Polotsk, Vitebsk region.