



The New Color of Money

Safer. Smarter. More Secure.

As part of the United States government's introduction of new currency with enhanced designs and security features, a redesigned \$10 note will be issued in early 2006. The new \$10 design retains three of the most important security features that were first introduced in the 1990s and are easy to check: **color-shifting ink, watermark and security thread.**



Security Thread

Hold the bill up to the light and look for the security thread, or plastic strip, that is embedded in the paper and runs vertically to the right of the portrait. If you look closely, the words "USA TEN" and a small flag are visible along the thread from both sides of the note. This thread glows orange when held under ultraviolet light. In the redesigned \$10 note, the thread has shifted slightly to the right of its location on older series \$10 notes.

Color-Shifting Ink

Look at the number "10" in the lower right corner on the front of the note. When you tilt the note up and down, the color-shifting ink changes color from copper to green.

Watermark

Hold the bill up to the light and look for the watermark, or faint image, similar to the large portrait of Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton. The watermark is part of the paper itself and can be seen from both sides of the note. A blank oval has been incorporated into the new \$10 design to highlight the watermark's location.

Color

The most noticeable difference in the newly designed bill is the addition of subtle background colors of orange, yellow and red. The words “We the People” from the United States Constitution have been printed in red in the background to the right of the portrait. Also, small yellow 10s have been printed in the background to the left of the portrait on the front of the bill and to the right of the vignette on the back of the bill. The background colors differ with each denomination to help distinguish them.



Symbols of Freedom

The front of the new \$10 note also includes images of traditional icons of Americana – also called Symbols of Freedom. Two images of the torch carried by the Statue of Liberty are printed in red on the front of the bill. A large image of the torch is printed in the background to the left of the portrait of Secretary Hamilton, while a second, smaller metallic red image of the torch can be found on the lower right side of the portrait. The symbols of freedom differ for each denomination.



Portrait and Vignette

The oval borders and fine lines surrounding the portrait of Secretary Hamilton on the front, and the United States Treasury Building vignette on the back, have been removed. The portrait has been moved up and the shoulders have been extended into the border. Additional engraving details have been added to the vignette background.



Both new and old designs of U.S. currency will circulate together and will maintain their full face value.

The Federal Reserve and the Department of the Treasury are committed to continuing improvements in currency design in order to protect your hard-earned money.

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