

Know Your Canadian Bank Notes

ALWAYS LOOK AT TWO OR MORE SECURITY FEATURES WHEN CHECKING BANK NOTES.

Polymer series (2011–13)



- **Feel** the raised ink. **Feel** the smooth, unique texture of the note. It's made from a single piece of polymer.
- **Look** for transparency through the large window and the outline of the frosted maple leaf window.
- **Look** at the details in the metallic portrait and building. **Flip** to see the metallic images on the other side.
- **Look** at the small numbers in the large window that match the note's value. **Look** at the word "Canada" that is transparent and feels slightly raised.

REMEMBER: All five denominations in the *Polymer* series have the same security features.

Canadian Journey series (2004–06)



Hold the note up to the light and **look** through it. The following features are visible from both sides:

- a small, ghost-like image of the portrait appears
- irregular marks form a complete number (like a puzzle)
- dashes (on the back of the note) form a solid line

Feel the raised ink.

Tilt the note: see numbers and maple leaves in the metallic stripe change colour.

REMEMBER: All five denominations in the *Canadian Journey* series have the same security features.



BANK OF CANADA
BANQUE DU CANADA

Original *Canadian Journey* series (2001–02)

The original \$5 and \$10 notes of the *Canadian Journey* series had different security features that did not include a metallic stripe, ghost image, dashes, or a puzzle number.



Feel the raised ink.

Tilt the note: three maple leaves shift from pale to shiny gold.

Slightly **tilt** the note at eye level. The hidden number 5 or 10 appears.

Look at the note under ultraviolet (UV) light. The coat of arms, the words FIVE • CINQ (or DIX • TEN) and BANK OF CANADA – BANQUE DU CANADA glow in blue over the portrait. Tip: Don't rely solely on the UV feature.

Birds of Canada series (1986)



Feel the raised ink.

Tilt the note. The metallic patch changes from gold to green. **Feel** the patch. There are no detectable raised edges and it cannot be peeled off. Note: the \$2, \$5 and \$10 notes of this series do not have a metallic patch.

Look at the small green dots that appear at random on both sides of the note.

SUSPECTED COUNTERFEIT SERVICE REQUEST AND EXHIBIT SUBMISSION

When evidence is required in court (passer present): complete a Request for Forensic Laboratory Analysis RCMP [Form C-414](#).

When no criminal charges are anticipated (passer not present): complete [Form 3774](#).

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