

Together,  
we can fight  
counterfeiting!

# TOUCH

the raised surfaces on your money.

# TILT

your money and look for the changing colours and images.

# LOOK THROUGH

your money to see security features appear.

# LOOK AT

your money for fine-line printing and fluorescence.

## SECURITY FEATURES ON CANADA'S BANK NOTES

Secure paper money: It's in your hands!

### Canadian Journey series notes

Image of the note when held to the light showing features 2, 3, and 4



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Image of the back of the note when not held to the light



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### Original Canadian Journey series \$5 and \$10 notes



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### Birds of Canada series notes



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### Features found on Canadian Journey series bank notes

#### 1 Holographic Stripe

**Tilt** the note, and brightly coloured numerals (5, 10, 20, 50, or 100) and maple leaves will "move" within the shiny, metallic stripe on the front of the note. Colours will change through the various shades of the rainbow. There is a colour-split within each maple leaf. If you look carefully, smaller numerals (5, 10, 20, 50, or 100) appear in the background of the three-dimensional stripe. The stripe has curved edges.

#### 2 Watermark Portrait

**Look through** the note. Hold it to the light, and a small, ghost-like image of the portrait appears to the left of the large numeral (5, 10, 20, 50, or 100). A smaller numeral (5, 10, 20, 50, or 100) is also evident. This watermark is embedded in the paper and can be seen from both sides of the note. The watermark is visible only when the note is backlit.

#### 3 Windowed Colour-Shifting Thread

**Look through** the note. Hold it to the light, and a continuous, solid vertical line can be seen from both sides of the note. From the back of the note, this security thread resembles a series of exposed metallic dashes (windows) that shift from gold to green when the note is tilted. Small characters (CAN 5, 10, 20, 50, or 100) are printed on this security thread, which is woven into the paper.

#### 4 See-Through Number

**Look through** the note. Hold it to the light, and just like two pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, the irregular marks on the front and back form a complete and perfectly aligned numeral 5, 10, 20, 50, or 100. Look for this feature between the watermark and the large numeral (5, 10, 20, 50, or 100).

### Features found on the original Canadian Journey series \$5 and \$10 notes

#### 5 Iridescent Maple Leaves

**Tilt** the note, and three maple leaves will change from a faint image to a shiny gold colour. The outline of the leaves is clearly defined, and there are no detectable raised edges.

#### 6 Hidden Number

**Tilt** the note at eye level, and the numeral (5 or 10) will become visible.

### Feature found on Birds of Canada series notes

#### 7 Optical Security Device

**Tilt** the note, and the metallic patch changes colour from gold to green. This colour-change patch cannot be peeled off, and there are no detectable raised edges. (On the \$20, \$50, and \$100 notes only.)

### Features found on all bank notes

#### 8 Raised Print (Intaglio)

**Touch** the note. The ink on the large numeral, the portrait, the coat of arms, the horizontal broad bands, and the words BANK OF CANADA – BANQUE DU CANADA feels thicker to the touch.

#### 9 Fine-Line Printing

**Look at** the note for the sharp, well-defined lines and/or microprinting (small, clearly defined characters) that form the portrait and the background patterns of the note (e.g., diagonal or wavy lines around the portrait and the vignette of the Parliament Buildings).

#### 10 Fluorescence

**Look at** the note under UV light, and the following elements become visible.

*Canadian Journey series notes:*

- **Look** for the text BANQUE DU CANADA (5, 10, 20, 50, or 100) BANK OF CANADA glowing in interlocking colours of yellow and red over the portrait.
- **Look** for fibres, some glowing yellow and some glowing red, scattered randomly across both sides of the note. (The blue fibres, visible in normal light, do not glow.)

*Original Canadian Journey series \$5 and \$10 notes:*

- **Look** for the words FIVE-CINQ (or DIX-TEN), the coat of arms, and the text BANQUE DU CANADA BANK OF CANADA glowing blue over the portrait.
- **Look** for fibres, glowing red, scattered randomly across both sides of the note. (The blue fibres, visible in normal light, do not glow.)

*Birds of Canada series notes:*

- **Look** for planchettes (small green dots), glowing blue, scattered randomly across both sides of the note. (These dots are uniformly round in shape and can sometimes be removed.)

**Security features are reliable,  
and quick and easy to use!  
Check your notes! Make it a habit!**



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