

The New \$5 Bill

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The United States government continues to stay ahead of counterfeiting by redesigning currency with enhanced designs and security features. The new \$5 bill will begin circulating in early 2008. The redesign of U.S. currency began with the introduction of a new \$20 bill in 2003, followed by a \$50 bill in 2004 and a \$10 bill in 2006. A redesigned \$100 bill is scheduled to follow the new \$5 bill.



Watermark

A second watermark has been added to the redesigned \$5 bill. Hold the bill up to the light and look for a column of three smaller "5"s positioned to the left of the portrait. The watermark is part of the paper itself and can be seen from both sides of the bill.

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. The letters "USA" followed by the number "5" in an alternating pattern are visible along the thread from both sides of the bill. The thread glows blue when held under ultraviolet light. In older design \$5 bills, the security thread was located to the left of the portrait.

Watermark

Hold the bill up to the light and look for a large number "5" watermark located to the right of the portrait. It replaces the watermark portrait of President Lincoln found on older design \$5 bills. Its location is highlighted by a blank window incorporated into the background design.

The new \$5 design retains two of the most important security features that were first introduced in the 1990s and are easy for consumers and merchants alike to check: watermark and security thread.

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