

Introduction of the New \$50 Note
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The U.S. government is previewing the design for a new \$50 bill that will be issued in late September or early October.

Designed to be safer, smarter, and more secure, the new \$50 note is the second denomination in the Series 2004 currency to be redesigned. The first was the \$20 note, issued last October.

The new currency will include enhanced security features such as the watermark, security thread and color-shifting ink. Varying with each denomination will be symbols of Americana and subtle background colors. These add complexity to the note and it more burdensome for currency counterfeiters to reproduce.

Dawn Haley, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing:

[13 Haley quote]: The newly redesigned \$50 note will feature subtle background colors of blue and red on both sides of the note. We've also added traditional symbols of Americana/freedom such as a waving American flag in the background and a small metallic silver-blue star have not been planned.

Decisions on new designs for the \$5 and \$10 notes are still under consideration, but a redesign of the \$1 and \$2 notes is not planned.

From Washington, DC, I'm Steve Van Oort.