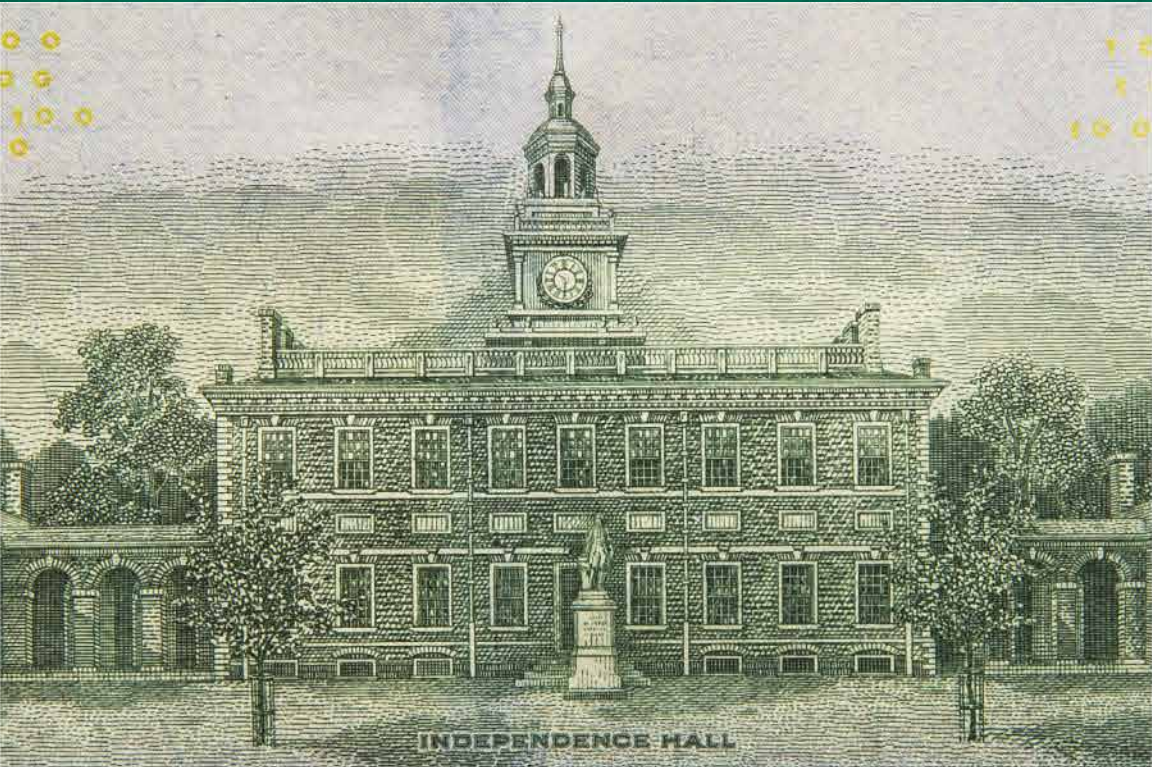


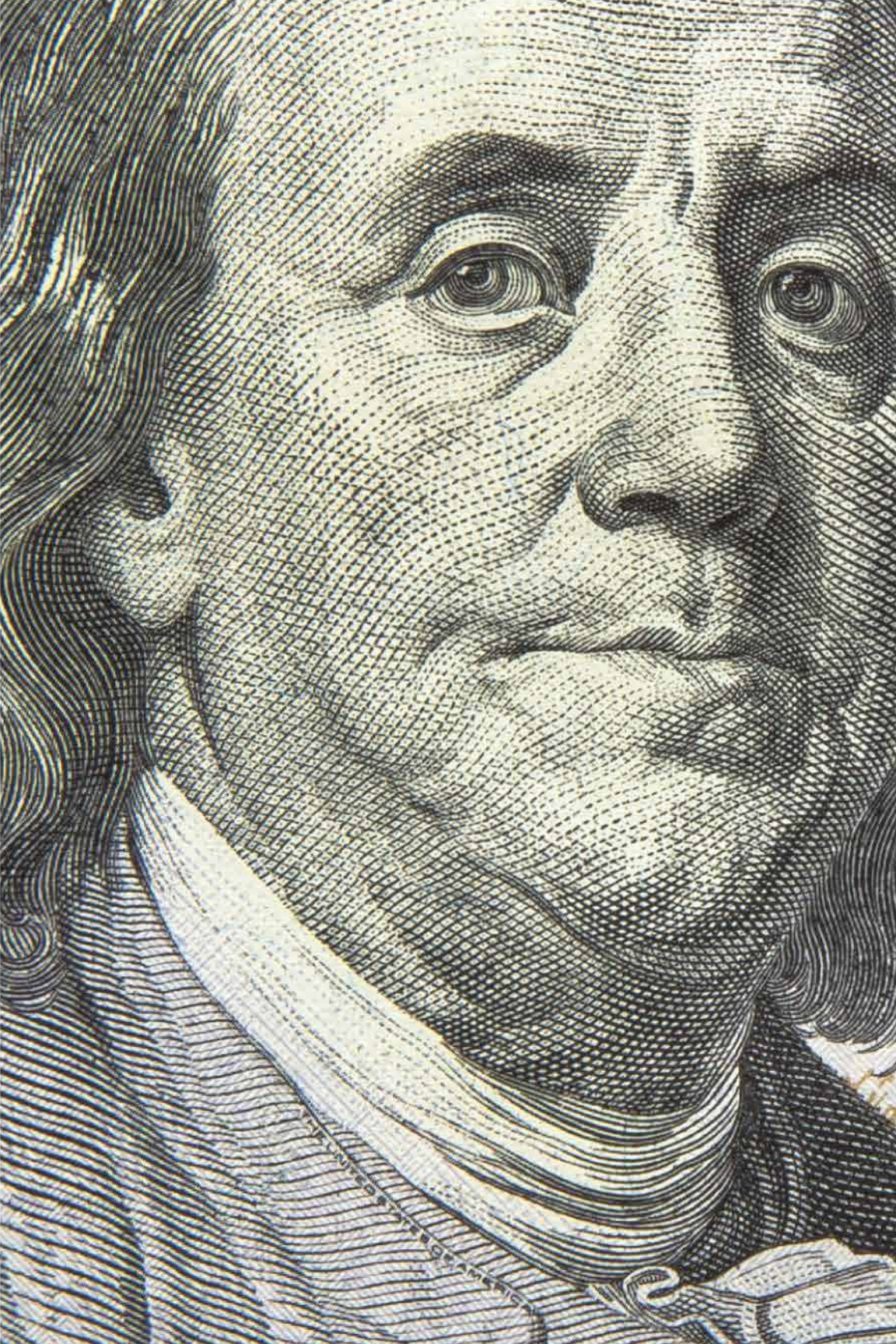


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DECODING DOLLARS: THE \$100



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The \$100 note is the largest denomination of U.S. currency currently issued by the Federal Reserve Board.

Understanding how to use the security features in the note will help you avoid accepting a counterfeit.

The \$100 note has five key security features:



3-D security ribbon



Bell in the inkwell



Color-shifting numeral



Watermark



Security thread

It only takes a few seconds and a few simple steps to check these security features and know that the note you are handling is genuine U.S. currency.

Decoding the \$100

FEEL, TILT, CHECK

To check the security features in the \$100 note, feel the paper, tilt the note, and check with light.



Feel the paper

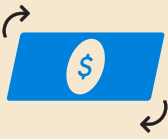
Raised printing

Move your finger across the note. It should feel slightly rough to the touch because of the raised printing and the unique composition of the paper, which is a blend of 75 percent cotton and 25 percent linen.



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Tilt the note

Color-shifting numeral

Tilt the note to see the 100 in the lower right corner change color from copper to green.

Bell in the inkwell

Tilt the note to see the bell in the inkwell change color from copper to green.

3-D security ribbon

The 3-D security ribbon is blue and has images of bells and 100s. When you tilt the note back and forth, the bells turn to 100s and move from side to side. When you tilt the note from side to side, the bells turn to 100s and move up and down. The 3-D security ribbon is woven into the paper, not printed on it.



Check with light

Security thread

Hold the note to light to see the security thread that reads 'USA 100' to the left of Benjamin Franklin's portrait. The thread is visible from the front and back of the note and glows pink under ultraviolet light.

Watermark

Hold the note to light to see a faint image of Benjamin Franklin to the right of the portrait. The watermark is visible from the front and back of the note.



Counterfeit Reporting

Do you know what to do with suspected counterfeits?

Become familiar with your organization's counterfeit-reporting procedures and learn what to do if you suspect you have a counterfeit note. This may include contacting local law enforcement or the local field office of the United States Secret Service.



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FOR ALL DEBTS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

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of America



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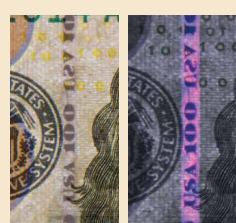
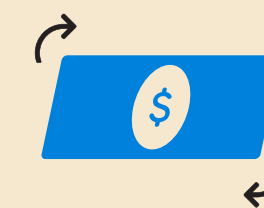
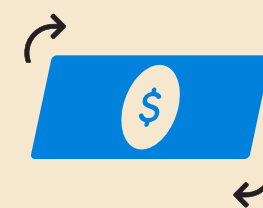
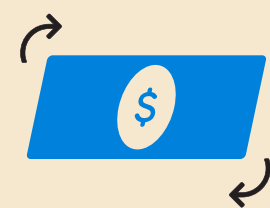
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Decoding the \$100

FEEL, TILT, CHECK

It only takes a few seconds to check the security features of the \$100 note. To know it's real, just feel the paper, tilt the note, and check with light.

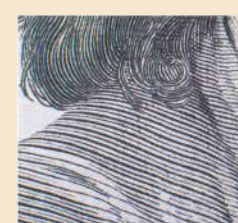


Check with light

Security thread

The security thread is to the left of the portrait and reads 'USA 100'.

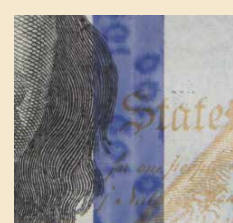
It is visible from both sides of the note. It glows pink under ultraviolet light.



Feel the paper

Raised printing

The paper should feel slightly rough to the touch because of the unique composition of the paper.



Tilt the note

3-D security ribbon

Tilt the note back and forth to see the bells turn to 100s and move from side to side.

Tilt the note from side to side to see the bells turn to 100s and move up and down.



Tilt the note

Bell in the inkwell

The bell in the inkwell changes from copper to green.



Tilt the note

Color-shifting numeral

The 100 changes from copper to green.



Check with light

Watermark

There is a faint image of Benjamin Franklin to the right of the portrait.

The watermark is visible from both sides of the note.



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Interested in learning about other denominations or older designs of the \$100 bill?

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