

£10 Design

The new £10 note incorporates enhanced security features, which are explained inside this leaflet. There are also a number of design elements which relate to Jane Austen.

A portrait of Jane Austen can be found on the back of the note. This was commissioned by James Edward Austen Leigh (Jane Austen’s nephew) in 1870, adapted from an original sketch drawn by her sister Cassandra Austen in 1810.

Next to the portrait is an illustration of Elizabeth Bennet, a character from Pride and Prejudice. The quote ‘I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading!’ was said by Miss Bingley in Pride and Prejudice. Beneath this image is Godmersham Park House, the estate owned by Jane Austen’s brother.

The foil image over the window is Winchester Cathedral, where Jane Austen was buried in 1817, aged just 41. 2017, the year the note is launched, marks the 200th anniversary of her death.

The new £10 note is printed on polymer — a thin and flexible plastic material. It’s around 15% smaller than the paper £10 note.

Tactile feature

On the front of the £10 polymer note (the side with raised print), there are two clusters of raised dots in the top left hand corner. This tactile feature helps blind and partially sighted people identify the value of the note.

The polymer £20 will also have a tactile feature, but with a different pattern. The polymer £5 will be identifiable as the only polymer note without a tactile feature.



The paper £10 note will be withdrawn from circulation in Spring 2018. Notice will be given at least 3 months prior to the withdrawal date.

The new polymer £20 note, featuring JMW Turner, will be issued in 2020.

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You can find information on the new polymer £10 note and its security features in this leaflet. Polymer notes provide enhanced counterfeit resilience and help increase the quality of notes in circulation.



**Jane Austen (1775 - 1817)**  
Jane Austen was an English novelist who, using wit and social observation, provided astute insights into 19th century life, often praising the virtues of reason and intelligence and highlighting some of the barriers that society erected against the progression of women.

Can I still use the paper £10 note?

You can continue to use the paper £10 note, featuring Charles Darwin, until it is withdrawn from circulation in Spring 2018. Notice will be given at least 3 months prior to the withdrawal date. Genuine Bank of England banknotes that have been withdrawn from circulation retain their face value for all time and can be exchanged at the Bank of England.

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# Banknote checklist • Features to look for on the new polymer £10 note

Follow these simple steps to verify your new £10 note's security features.  
Remember do not rely on just one feature, check a few

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## Check the see-through window

There is a large see-through window on the note. A clearly defined portrait of the Queen is printed on the window with the words '£10 Bank of England' printed twice around the edge.

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A finely detailed metallic image of Winchester Cathedral is positioned over the window. The foil is gold on the front of the note and silver on the back of the note. When the note is tilted a multi-coloured rainbow effect can be seen.

The foil £ symbol in the window is silver on the front of the note and copper on the back of the note.

3



At the side of the window is a coloured quill which changes from purple to orange when the note is tilted. This effect can be seen on the front and back of the note.

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**Check the foil patches**  
On the front of the note, below the see-through window, is a silver foil patch. When the note is tilted the word 'Ten' changes to 'Pounds' and a multi-coloured rainbow effect can be seen.

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On the front of the note, above the see-through window, is a silver foil patch containing an image of the coronation crown which appears 3D. When the note is tilted a multi-coloured rainbow effect can be seen.

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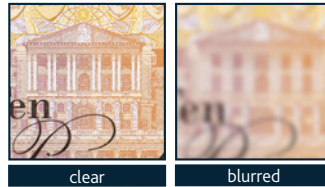
On the back of the note, there is a book-shaped copper foil patch which contains the letters JA. It is immediately behind the silver crown on the front.

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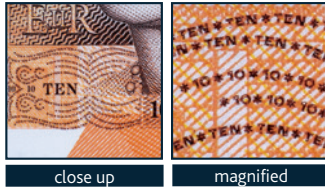
**Check the polymer and the raised print**  
The note is printed on polymer which is a thin and flexible plastic material. By running your finger across the front of the note you can feel raised print in areas such as the words 'Bank of England' and in the bottom right corner, around the number 10.

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**Check the print quality**  
The printed lines and colours on the note are sharp, clear and free from smudges or blurred edges.

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**Check the microlettering**  
Using a magnifying glass, look closely at the lettering beneath the Queen's portrait — you will see the value of the note written in small letters and numbers.

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## Check the ultra-violet feature

If you look at the front of the note under a good quality ultra-violet light, the number 10 appears in bright red and green whilst the background remains dull in contrast.