USA TODAY Snapshots®  The color of new money

The U.S. government Tuesday unveiled a newly designed and more colorful $20 bill that officials hope will be tougher to counterfeit. The currency, which will begin circulating this fall, has a background of green and peach, a large portrait of Andrew Jackson, our seventh president, and other hard-to-copy changes. New designs for the $50 note will come in 2004 and for the $100 note in 2005. New designs for the $5 and $10 notes are coming, but the $2 and $1 notes will not be redesigned.

In late 2003, the United States government will be issuing currency with new designs and security features beginning with the $20 note. The new $20 design retains three of the most important, easy-to-check security features that were first introduced in the 1990s: a watermark, security thread and color-shifting ink.

Education Program  For the redesigned currency campaign, the U.S. government is making classroom materials (which meet national education standards) available to teachers, including:

- Brochures
- CD-ROM
- Posters
- Activity book

The classroom program is part of a broader initiative supported by education, civic and volunteer organizations. This initiative aims to teach children about the history and traditions associated with the nation’s currency, as well as the new money campaign and the role students can play in it.

Materials  are available free of charge at www.moneyfactory.com/newmoney. If you have questions or would like to be a part of the campaign, please contact Katie Mee at 202.530.4518.

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