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3. There is also a security thread in each note. There are different sorts of thread: on the 5 and 10, the thread is completely embedded in the paper so you only see it as a solid line with small words reading ‘The Gambia’ in the thread. When you hold the note up to the light, you will see that there are patterns and the note value in the thread.

4. As mentioned above, the security threads in the 20, 50, 100 and 200 change colour green to red as you tilt the note.

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