Quick ways to spot a counterfeit banknote

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New Zealand’s banknotes are in two types: the new Brighter Money Series 7 (top), and the older Series 6 (bottom). They have many security features. Here are three you can use to quickly check if a note’s genuine.

1 The real feel
Both types of note are made of polymer, a plastic. It doesn’t tear under moderate pressure. Both types also have areas of raised printing that you can feel with your finger.

2 Looks sharp
Both types of note are printed to high quality. The inks should look sharp and not washed out. In the Series 7 notes (top) the bar on the small bird will roll up and down when you tilt the note.

3 It’s in the window
Look at the ‘window’. The Series 7 notes (top) contain a hologram effect which you can see change if you tilt the note in the light. The series 6 notes (bottom) have two see-through windows, one with the denomination of the note embossed in it, the other with a fernleaf.

These are just three ways to check notes.
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