

Currency Design in GIMP

Browse this article to understand what the symbols on the US dollar bill mean:

[Understanding the Design and Symbolism of the U.S. One Dollar Bill](http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/triviadollar.htm)

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Read this article:

[15 Things You Never Noticed on a Dollar](http://shine.yahoo.com/channel/life/15-things-you-never-noticed-on-a-dollar-575113)

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Assignment:

You are an important public figure in a new country. It has been suggested that new currency (money) be designed incorporating your photograph. To make sure the currency cannot be counterfeited you must use complex patterns in it as well. Design this currency using GIMP. Use the articles above to help you.

Requirements:

- Size minimum: 3" x 5"
- Full color
- Your photograph must appear in it. Make sure you use the selection tools to isolate the head.
- Pattern(s) in the background
- A denomination (how much is your bill worth?)
- A country
- One or more phrases (For example, the US dollar says "In God We Trust")
- If you finish the front, please work on the back – be sure to make it the same size!

HELPFUL HINTS:

-Use several layers to place objects on top of each other.

-Change the **opacity** of each layer in the Layer Properties box to make layers more transparent or "see-through"

-Make a **copy** of any layer that you want to experiment with, so if you mess up, you can delete the bad layer and just try again with the copy!

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Now design some COINS!