Handling Polymer Bank Notes

Polymer notes feel different from paper notes but they are just as easy to use. Here are some tips.

Opening wrapped bank notes

Unpack notes with pelican cutters or letter openers to avoid damaging the notes.

Separating bank notes

Brand new polymer notes—just like the paper notes that preceded them—may stick together at first, but this tendency will disappear as they circulate. To separate new notes, tap them against a hard surface or shuffle them.

Counting polymer notes by hand

Recommended technique
Hold a stack of bills in one hand and use your thumb to push the top bill into your other hand.

Caution
Counting with the notes resting on a surface is less effective with polymer notes.

Did you know?

- Creasing, crumpling and stapling notes could damage them. Flatten notes by applying pressure to them or curling them.

- While polymer notes are durable, they can tear quickly if they are nicked. Torn notes can be mended with tape.

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