

# Regular Issue Odd-shaped Coins of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Lecture Set #21

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# 3 Broad Types as of 1964

- 1) Irregular shape without a definite pattern
- 2) Angular shape with four or more sides
- 3) Scalloped edges varying in the number and arrangement of the projections

# Irregular Shape, No Pattern



A 1 Pice of Bhutan, 1951

A Number of Indian States issues are irregular in shape

# Four-sided



5 Cent of Ceylon, 1945, Square with Rounded Edges  
Other countries with four-sided coins are Curacao, Mauritius, Seychelles  
Bhutan, Sudan, Jaipur, Guadeloupe, and others

# Four-sided Diamond



2 Annas of India, 1945, Square with Diamond Effect, Rounded Edges  
Other countries with four-sided coins are Burma, Curacao, Pakistan,  
Muscat & Oman, Netherlands Antilles

# Five-sided



1/8 Imadi of Yemen, 1949

# Six-sided



2 Francs from Belgian Congo, 1943, Other countries with six-sided coins  
Include Yemen, Reunion and Egypt

# Eight-sided (Octagonal)

1933 2 ½ Milliemes of Egypt  
1 Anna from Mewar Udaipur is also eight-sided



# Ten-sided



1959 1 Fils of Iraq

# Twelve-sided



3 Pence of Great Britain  
Fiji, Seychelles, Canada, & Argentina issued 12-sided coins

# Eighteen-sided



50 Centimes, Guadeloupe, 1921

# Twenty-sided



1903 50 Centimes Guadeloupe

# Twenty-two sided



25 Centimes, France, 1905



# Twenty-four sided



2000 Reis, Brazil, 1938

# Six-scalloped



25 Pyas, 1952 of Burma

# Eight Scallops



2 Cents, Ceylon, 1955, Scallops evenly spaced, projections distinct



# Eight-scalloped, Type 2



1 Anna, Pakistan, 1953, evenly spaced slightly sloping scallops  
Other countries with 8 scallops are Maldives Islands, India

# Eight-scalloped, Type 3



4 Annas, India, 1920, squared effect with the scallops  
Other countries with 8 scallops are Maldives Islands, India

# Twelve Scallops



50 Centimos, Paraguay

Other countries with 12 scallop coins are Guernsey, India, Burma, Iraq  
Ghana, Muscat & Oman, Pakistan, Israel, Sudan

# Twelve Scallops



10 Cents, Mauritius, 1954

Scallops are arranged with two at top, two at bottom, four on each side

# Fourteen Scallops



25 Cents, Ethiopia, 1952

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**And there are lots more!!**