

🌟 NEW Item Badge - Quick Summary

What You Get

When items are added to inventory, they show a **green pulsing "NEW" badge** for 5 seconds:



3 Simple Steps to Enable

1. UIInventorySlot.java

✅ **Already updated** in the debug version - no changes needed!

2. UIScrollableInventoryPanel.java

ADD this method:

```
java

public boolean addItemToCurrentTab(Item item, boolean markAsNew) {
    // ... existing item adding logic ...

    // ★ ADD THIS at the end, before return:
    if (markAsNew && addToSlotIndex != -1) {
        List<ItemStack> filteredStacks = getFilteredItemStacks(currentTab);
        for (int i = 0; i < filteredStacks.size() && i < slots.size(); i++) {
            ItemStack stack = filteredStacks.get(i);
            if (stack != null && sharedInventory[addToSlotIndex] == stack) {
                slots.get(i).markAsNew(); // ← This line marks it as NEW
                break;
            }
        }
    }

    return addToSlotIndex != -1;
}
```

3. UIManager.java

UPDATE addItemToInventory:

```

java

public boolean addItemToInventory(Item item) {
    return addItemToInventory(item, true); // ← true = show NEW badge
}

public boolean addItemToInventory(Item item, boolean markAsNew) {
    if (inventoryGrid != null) {
        return inventoryGrid.addItemToCurrentTab(item, markAsNew);
    }
    return false;
}

```

Usage

Show "NEW" badge (default):

```

java

addItemToInventory(ItemManager.createHealthPotion());

```

Don't show badge:

```

java

addItemToInventory(ItemManager.createHealthPotion(), false);

```

Visual Result

Before:

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After adding 2 potions:

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[NEW] [NEW] ← Green, pulsing

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After 5 seconds:

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Features

- ☒ **Auto-fades** after 5 seconds
- ☒ **Pulses/glows** to draw attention
- ☒ **Independent timers** per item
- ☒ **Works with stacking** items
- ☒ **Survives tab switching**
- ☒ **Doesn't interfere** with stack counts

Perfect For

- 🎁 Quest rewards
- 💰 Shop purchases
- 🎲 Loot drops
- 🔪 Crafted items
- 📧 Mail attachments
- ✨ Any new item!

That's it! The system helps players instantly see what they just received! 🎉