

MAGIC SHOW



Secret Instruction Booklet

⚠ WARNING:
CHOKING HAZARD - Toy contains
small parts and small balls. Not
for children under 3 years.

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Contents Included in Kit:

3 cups	4 Fuzzy Balls
1 Magic Mystery Deck of Cards	1 Thumb Tip
1 Levitation Tool	

What Else You Need:

Handkerchief or napkin	Salt
5 Dimes	2 Quarters
Sugar	Small wrapped candy
Scissors	2 12" pieces of thin string
Peppercorns	Double sided tape
Bread roll	Fork
Salt shaker	Piece of paper
Dollar bill	Sharp pencil
Clear tape	2 facial tissues
Small paper napkin	Cell phone
2 rubber bands	
Party streamer or construction paper	

**** indicates materials you will need from home.***

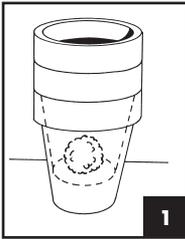
CUPS & BALLS TRICK

CUPS & BALLS

EFFECT: One by one, 3 balls magically pass through solid cups.

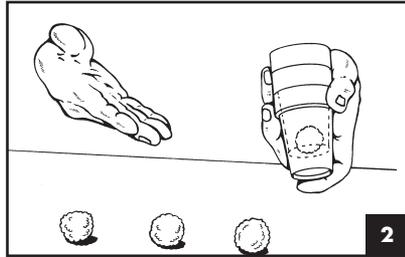
SECRET: The magician (you) uses a secret 4th ball, which makes it seem like the balls are traveling through the solid cups.

MATERIALS: 3 cups and 4 soft balls.



BEFORE YOU START:

FIGURE 1: Before your trick, stack the 3 cups and place 1 ball into the middle cup.



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FIGURE 2: Show the audience the 3 balls while holding the stacked cups in your hand.

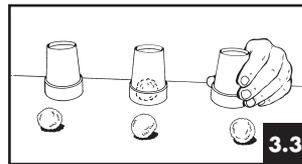
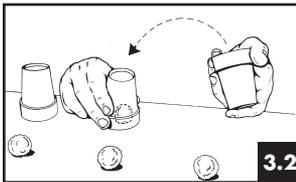
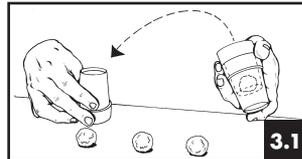
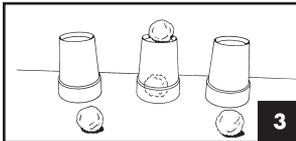


FIGURE 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3: One by one, place each cup on the table. When placing the middle cup on the table, make sure that the ball doesn't fall out. As you turn the cup over, perform the move swiftly and the ball will remain under the cup.

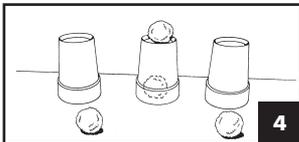


FIGURE 4: Place the 1st ball on top of the middle cup (this is the cup that has the secret ball under it.)

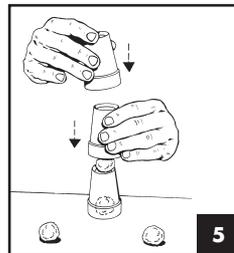


FIGURE 5: Stack the 2 outer cups on top of the middle cup.

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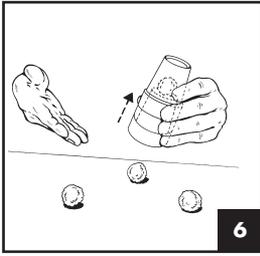


FIGURE 6: Lift all 3 cups together and show that the 1st ball has traveled through the cups.

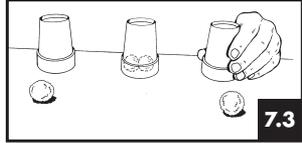
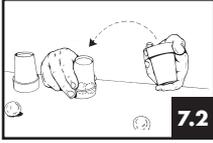
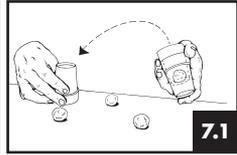
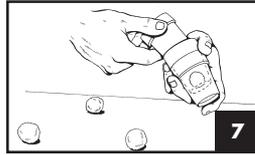


FIGURE 7, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3: Now you will repeat the trick with the 2nd ball. Keep the 1st ball where it is and begin to repeat the trick by placing the cups on the table again. This time, place the middle cup over the 1st ball.

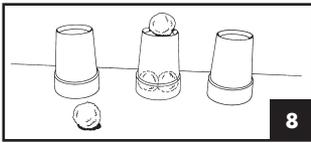


FIGURE 8: Just like before, place the 2nd ball on top of the middle cup.

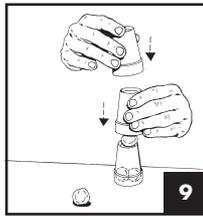


FIGURE 9: Stack the other 2 cups on top of the middle cup.

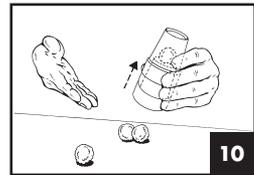


FIGURE 10: Lift all 3 cups and show that another ball has traveled through the cup.

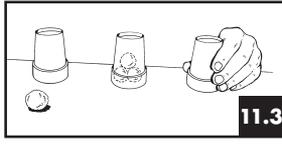
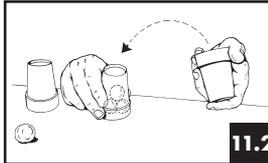
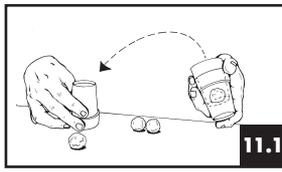
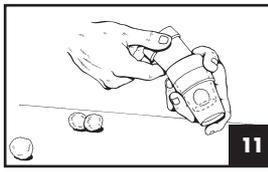


FIGURE 11, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3: Keep the 2 balls together on the table. Again place all 3 cups on to the table. This time, place the middle cup over the 1st and 2nd ball.

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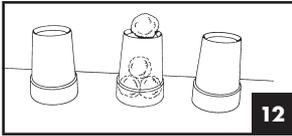


FIGURE 12: Place the last ball, (the 3rd ball) on top of the middle cup.

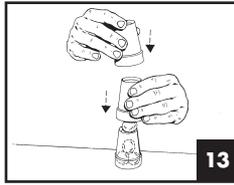


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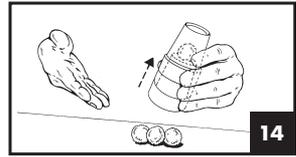
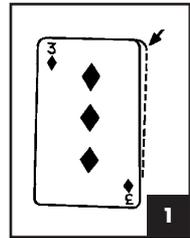


FIGURE 14: Lift all 3 cups together and voila, there are now 3 balls under the cups!

*(**TIP:** If you get really good, work on dropping the secret ball into your lap and then hand the cups to the audience to examine.)

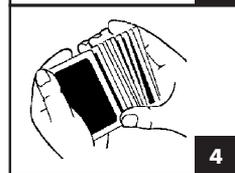
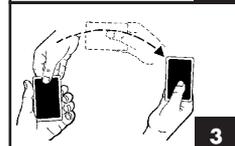
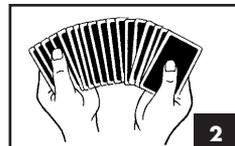
MYSTERY DECK CARD TRICKS

The secret is all in the setup of the deck. Read this carefully and make sure your cards are always in order. All the cards are tapered at one end; that is, one end of the deck is slightly narrower than the other. See **FIGURE 1**. If any card is turned in the opposite direction, it can be found instantly because its wide end sticks out among the narrow ends. You can easily remove that card by running your thumb and pointer finger lightly over the sides and pulling the card free from the pack. This is called “stripping out the card.” All the tricks depend on this movement. To make sure all of your cards are in the same direction, look for the “TV Magic” logo in the center of the card back.



PRACTICE HANDLING THE DECK

1. Hold the deck in your left hand with the narrow ends furthest away.
2. Spread the cards between both hands and have a volunteer select a card. See **FIGURE 2**.
3. After a card has been removed, dose up the spread and hold deck in left hand.
4. Ask volunteer to look at the card and remember it. Transfer the deck to your right hand in the following way: grasp the outer, or narrow, end of the deck. Turn it so that the narrow end is closest to you. See **FIGURE 3**.
5. Have volunteer put card back. Then overhand shuffle the deck. See **FIGURE 4**. This mixes but does not disturb the reversed position of the chosen card.



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6. Bring the chosen card to the top of the deck by “stripping out” the card while pretending to cut the deck.

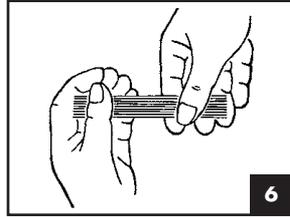
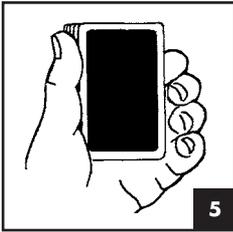
a. Hold the deck face down in your left hand, with your thumb and fingers around the sides.

See **FIGURE 5**.

b. Grasp the back end of the deck, or the part closest to your body, with your right hand. Pull out the lower half of the deck and place it on top, as though you were cutting the deck. See **FIGURE 6**.

c. Repeat Step b two or three times. The last time, “strip” the chosen card and place it on top in the same manner as cutting. Use this method when you have two or three chosen cards that you wish to get on top of the deck.

TRIVIA: When referring to playing cards, face denotes the number on the card like Ace, 1, 2, 3 ... 10, Jack, Queen, King. Suit refers to Hearts, Diamonds, Spades or Clubs.



CARD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

TRICK: Instantly find a chosen card placed back in the deck!

SECRET: Once the card is chosen, you turn the deck so that the narrow end is closest to you. When the card is put back in the deck, it sticks out from the other cards so it's easy to find.

SHOW:

1. Start with the narrow end of the deck furthest from you. Overhand shuffle the cards, which does not disturb their arrangement.
2. Have a volunteer select a card. Turn the deck so the narrow end is close to you. See **FIGURE 3**.
3. Ask volunteer to put card back in the deck and overhand shuffle deck.
4. Take deck back and “strip out” the chosen card by running thumb and fingers of one hand lightly over the deck's edges. Show it to audience!

THE REVERSED CARD

TRICK: A chosen card placed back face down is found face up in the deck!

SECRET: When the deck is behind your back you “strip out” the chosen card and turn it over in the deck so that it's face up.

SHOW:

1. Start with the narrow ends of the deck furthest away from you. Have a volunteer select a card and show it to the audience but not to you. Turn the deck so that the narrow ends are now closest to you. Place the

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deck in your other hand. See **FIGURE 3**.

2. Ask volunteer to put the card back in the deck and overhand shuffle the deck.

3. Place the deck behind your back and “strip out” the chosen card. Turn it over and put it back somewhere in the center of the deck.

4. As you bring the deck in front of you, ask the volunteer to name the card. As he does, spread the cards out showing the chosen card face up!

THE FOUR ACES

TRICK: Make the four aces come to the top of the deck!

SECRET: The aces are placed in the opposite direction from the other cards so that they are easy to “strip out” and bring to the top of the deck.

SHOW:

1. Start with the narrow ends of the deck furthest away from you. Remove the aces from the deck. Put them back again in the opposite direction from the other cards and in different places in the deck. Have someone overhand shuffle cards.

2. Take the deck and turn it so that the narrow ends are now closest to you. With the thumb and fingers of each hand, grasp the cards by the edges and “strip out” the aces. Bring them to the top of the deck as though you were cutting the cards.

3. If you don’t get all the aces on the first cut, run your fingers over them until you do. The audience will think that you are simply cutting the cards.

4. Say, “Watch me make the aces come to the top of the deck.” Tap deck four times. Turn over top four cards and show the audience the aces!

CARD THROUGH A HANDKERCHIEF

TRICK: Make a card vanish from a deck and reappear under a hanky!

SECRET: While the deck is under the handkerchief, you “strip out” the chosen card. You bring out the deck from under the handkerchief but leave the chosen card under it.

SHOW:

1. Start with the narrow ends of the deck furthest away from you. Have a volunteer select a card and show it to the audience but not to you. Turn the deck so that the narrow ends are now closest to you. Have the volunteer return the card to the deck. Overhand shuffle the deck.

2. Hold the deck face down. The fingers of both hands should be on one side of the deck and the thumbs on the other. Have a volunteer place the handkerchief over the deck and your hands.

3. “Strip out” the chosen card and drop it on the table under handkerchief. Say, “Maybe I should keep the deck in sight of all times.” Take the deck out from under the handkerchief and place it on top of the handkerchief over the chosen card.

4. Say, “I’ll make the chosen card pass through the deck and handkerchief onto the table.” Remove the handkerchief and reveal the chosen card!

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TRY YOUR LUCK

TRICK: A chosen card put back in the deck magically appears when you cut the deck!

SECRET: Because the chosen card sticks out, you hold onto it as you cut the deck at that point.

SHOW:

1. Start with the narrow ends of the deck furthest from you. Have a volunteer select a card. Turn the deck so that the narrow ends are now closest to you. Have the volunteer return the card to the deck. Overhand shuffle the deck.
 2. Cut the cards, “stripping out” the chosen card and bringing it to the top. Place the cards on the table and ask the volunteer to try cutting to his card.
 3. After the attempt, pick up the cards and overhand shuffle them bringing the chosen card somewhere near the deck’s center.
 4. Put the deck on the table. Run your thumb and fingers along the sides of the pack until you touch the projecting edges of the chosen card. Lift off this card and all the cards above it in a cutting motion.
 5. Hold the cut-off portion face down. Ask the volunteer to name his card. Turn the cut-off portion face up to reveal the chosen card!
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FACE UP/ FACE DOWN MAGIC

TRICK: A pile of face up cards are shuffled into a deck and magically returned to a separate pile again!

SECRET: The face up cards are placed in the opposite direction from the rest of the cards in the deck so that they are easy to “strip out” and bring to top.

SHOW:

1. Start the trick with the narrow end of the cards furthest from you. Cut the deck into two piles, as close to equal as possible.
 2. Turn the pile on your right face up. When doing this, don’t just turn the cards over but turn them so that the narrow ends are now closest to you. That way the face up cards will have their wide ends among the narrow ends of the face down cards.
 3. Take the face up pile and riffle shuffle it into the face down pile. (To riffle shuffle, you divide a pack into two piles, raise the corners of the cards slightly and allow them to fall alternately together.)
 4. Holding the deck with the thumb and fingers of one hand, “strip out” the face up cards with the other hand as if you were cutting the deck. Continue to cut until you have all of the face up cards on top of the deck.
 5. When you have completed the “strip out”, cut the deck into two equal piles again. Place the top half (face up cards) to the right.
 6. Snap your fingers and then spread out the piles showing that you have separated the face up and face down cards!
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TWO TO SIX CORRECT

TRICK: Two to six chosen cards placed back in a deck magically reappear from under a handkerchief!

SECRET: While the deck is under the handkerchief, you “strip out” the chosen cards and bring them one by

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one out from under the handkerchief.

SECRET SETUP: To start, make sure the deck is in proper order with all the narrow edges facing away from you.

SHOW:

1. You will need between two-six volunteers each to select a card from the deck. Turn the deck so that the narrow ends are closest to you. Have the volunteers return the cards to the deck. Ask one of the volunteers to overhand shuffle the cards.
 2. Hold the deck face down in one hand and cover it with a handkerchief. Reach under the handkerchief with your other hand and “strip out” one card. Bring it out from under the handkerchief and show it to the audience. Ask the volunteer who chose the card to take it.
 3. Repeat Step 2 with each chosen card!
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CALL NUMBER

TRICK: For any number called out, pull out that number of cards from the deck in your pocket and the last card will be the chosen card!

SECRET: By “stripping out” the chosen card and placing it on top of the deck, you can pull cards out of your pocket from the bottom of the deck. Then when you reach the number the volunteer called out, you can pull out the top card (or chosen card).

SHOW:

1. Start with the narrow ends of the deck furthest from you. Have a volunteer select a card and tell the audience what it is. Turn the deck so that the narrow ends are now closest to you. Have the volunteer return the card to the deck. Overhand shuffle the deck. Cut the deck and “strip out” the chosen card, moving it to the top of the deck.
 2. Put the deck in your pocket. Say, “I can find the card you chose by having you call out any number between 1 and 15.” Have the volunteer say a number.
 3. Reach into your pocket, take out a card from the bottom of the deck, say “One.”
 4. Repeat Step 3 with each number you say until you reach the number the volunteer selected. Then take the top card off the deck and remove it from your pocket. As you say the number the volunteer called out, show the chosen card to the audience!
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ALL FACES

TRICK: With the deck behind your back, magically bring forth all the face cards in the deck!

SECRET: When the deck is behind your back, you “strip out” all the face cards and show them one by one to the audience.

SECRET SETUP: Remove all the face cards from the deck and then place them on top of the deck in the opposite direction from the other cards in the deck. Overhand shuffle the deck to randomly distribute them throughout the deck.

SHOW:

1. Fan out the deck to show that the cards are mixed. Place the deck behind your back and “strip out” the

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face cards one by one and show them to the audience. Continue until all twelve are revealed.

2. After the last picture card is produced, show the audience the deck by spreading it face up so that they can see that all the face cards are missing!

THE LONE STRANGER

TRICK: Magically separate the deck into two piles of all red cards and all black cards. A chosen card put back in the deck mysteriously ends up with the cards of the opposite color!

SECRET: The deck is separated into red and black cards by “stripping out” the reds. The chosen card is “stripped out” and placed with the cards of the opposite color.

SECRET SETUP: Take out all the red cards and return them to the deck in the opposite direction from the other cards so that they will be easy to “strip out.” Mix them up in the deck.

SHOW:

1. Fan out the deck to show that the cards are mixed. Have a volunteer select a card and show it to the audience but not you. Turn the deck so that the end of the deck that was furthest from you is now closest to you. Have the volunteer return the card to the deck. Overhand shuffle the deck.

2. Cut the deck as many times as you need to “strip out” the red cards so that they are separated from the black ones.

3. Cut the deck into two equal piles, one black and one red. Say, “You will find the card you chose in an unusual spot in the deck.”

4. Turn over the two piles revealing the black cards in one pile and the red cards in another pile. The only card not with its matching color will be the chosen card. It will magically be with the opposite color!

THE POKER HAND

TRICK: After showing that the deck is perfectly mixed, you mysteriously reveal that the top five cards are a perfect royal flush!

SECRET: You “strip out” the Ace, King, Queen, Jack and Ten of Spades and bring them to the top of the deck.

SECRET SETUP: Holding the deck with the narrow ends furthest away from you, remove the Ace, King, Queen, Jack and Ten of Spades. Turn the deck upside down and return the cards to the deck so that their wide edges stick out from the narrow edges of the rest of the deck. Overhand shuffle the deck to thoroughly mix the cards.

SHOW:

1. Fan out the deck to show that the cards are mixed. Cut the deck to “strip out” the perfect royal flush. Bring it to the top of the deck.

2. Say, “I’m going to show you a great poker hand.” Then turn over the top five cards mysteriously revealing the royal flush!

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POCKET MYSTERY

TRICK: A chosen card is mysteriously pulled, sight unseen, from the deck in your pocket!

SECRET: You “strip out” the chosen card while it is in your pocket.

SHOW:

1. Start with the narrow ends of the deck furthest away from you. Overhand shuffle the cards and spread them out.
 2. Have a volunteer select a card and show it to the audience but not you. Turn the deck so that the narrow ends are now closest to you. Have the volunteer return the card to the deck. Ask for a volunteer to overhand shuffle the deck.
 3. After the volunteer has shuffled the cards, place them in your side pocket. Say, “I will find the card you chose without even looking at the deck.”
 4. Reach into your pocket and “strip out” the chosen card. This can be done simply by feeling the projecting edges of the chosen card.
 5. Remove the card from your pocket keeping the face of the card toward you. Ask the volunteer to name the chosen card. Then slowly turn the card around, revealing its face!
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VANISHING JACKS

TRICK: Magically all the Jacks vanish from the deck!

SECRET: The Jacks are “stripped out” of the deck and put in your back pocket while the deck is behind your back.

SHOW:

1. Begin with the narrow ends of the cards furthest from you. Remove the four Jacks from the deck and place them on the table.
 2. Turn the deck so that the narrow ends are closest to you. Place the Jacks into different parts of the deck. The wide ends of the Jacks will protrude from the narrow ends of the rest of the deck. Ask a volunteer to overhand shuffle the deck.
 3. Cut the cards by “stripping out” the Jacks and bringing them to the top of the deck. Place the deck behind your back. Remove the Jacks from the top of the deck and put them into your back pocket.
 4. Then hand the deck to someone in the audience. Ask her to remove the Jacks. When she discovers that the Jacks are mysteriously missing, show her that your hands are empty!
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MIND-READING MAGIC

TRICK: By concentrating very hard, you name a chosen card that was put back in the deck!

SECRET: You “strip out” the chosen card, place the chosen card on top of the deck, put the deck behind your back turning the chosen card face up. When you bring the deck around front and hold it to your forehead, you actually get to look at the chosen card.

SHOW:

1. Start with the narrow ends of the deck furthest from you. Have a volunteer select a card and show it to the audience but not to you. Turn the deck so that the narrow ends are now closest to you. Have the

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volunteer return the card to the deck. Overhand shuffle the deck.

2. Cut the cards, “stripping out” the chosen card and bringing it to the top. Place the deck behind your back and remove the chosen card. Turn it face up and replace it on top of the deck.

3. Bring the deck from behind your back. Hold the deck so that the faces of the cards are toward the audience. Be careful not to expose the chosen card that is face up on top of the deck. As you bring the deck toward your forehead, look at the chosen card.

4. With the deck against your forehead, pretend to meditate for a moment. Then put the cards behind your back again.

5. Turn the chosen card face down again and place it somewhere in the middle of the deck. Square up the deck. Finally, tell the audience the name of the chosen card.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

TRICK: Two chosen cards side-by-side in the deck are placed back in different places separate from each other, but they are mysteriously reunited!

SECRET: The two chosen cards are “stripped out” of the deck and put together again somewhere in the deck.

SHOW:

1. Start with the narrow ends of the deck furthest from you. Have a volunteer select two cards that are together in the deck and show them to the audience but not to you. Turn the deck so that the narrow ends are now closest to you. Have the volunteer return the cards to the deck but in separate places.

2. Overhand shuffle the deck. Cut the cards by “stripping out” the chosen cards and bringing them to the top of the deck. Give the deck a second cut to bring the chosen cards somewhere near the center of the deck.

3. Hand the deck to the volunteer and ask him to name the chosen cards. After he answers, say, “I want those two cards to rejoin each other.”

4. Have the volunteer fan out the deck on the table for the audience to see. Mysteriously, the two cards are back together again!

CUT TO THE ACES

TRICK: Mysteriously, cut to all the aces!

SECRET: The aces were placed in the opposite direction from the rest of the cards in the deck so you cut at each of the protruding edges of the four cards.

SECRET SETUP: Remove the aces from the deck. Turn them in the opposite direction from the rest of the cards in the deck and put them back in separate places. Overhand shuffle the deck to further distribute the aces in the deck.

SHOW:

1. Fan out the cards to show that they are thoroughly mixed.

2. Place the deck on the table. Run your thumb and fingers lightly over the sides of the deck until you feel the protruding edge of one of the aces. Lift off this card and all the cards above it in a cutting motion. Turn

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the entire pile face up revealing the ace.

3. Remove the ace and place it on the table. Turn the pile face down again and put it on top of the rest of the deck.
 4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until all of the aces have been located!
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THE LONE CARD

TRICK: A card is selected and shuffled back into the deck. The selected card is named and all the cards in the deck fall from the magician's hand except for the chosen one.

SECRET: The selected card is placed in the opposite direction of the rest of the deck allowing the card to be easily held by its edges when the rest of the cards fall from the magician's hand.

SHOW:

1. Hold the deck with the narrow ends toward the audience. Have a volunteer select a card from the deck.
 2. Secretly turn the deck and then slide in the selected card.
 3. Overhand shuffle the deck. Place the deck in your right hand with the backs to the audience.
 4. Ask the volunteer to name the selected card. Release the pressure on the edges of the cards allowing all but the "stripped" card to fall.
 5. Show the remaining card to the audience.
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CARD FOUND BY A NAME

TRICK: A volunteer selects a card and shuffles it back into the deck. After spelling out the volunteer's name by dealing a card for every letter, the selected card is the next card in the deck!

SECRET: The selected card is stripped from the deck and placed on top. The same number of cards as letters in the volunteer's name are pulled from the bottom of the deck and placed on top of the selected one.

SHOW:

1. Hold the deck with the narrow ends facing the audience. Ask a volunteer to select a card.
 2. Secretly turn the deck. Have the volunteer replace the card and overhand shuffle the deck.
 3. "Strip out" the selected card and place it on top of the deck.
 4. With the deck behind your back, pull a card from the bottom for every letter in the volunteer's name and place them on top of the selected card.
 5. Hand the deck to the volunteer instructing him to deal a card for every letter in his name. The selected card will be next.
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MAGIC CARD CASE

TRICK: A selected card is shuffled into the deck and placed in its case. All the cards fall out of the case except for the one selected.

SECRET: The deck is turned around allowing the selected card to be returned to the deck in the opposite direction. The card is then held by its edges when the rest fall from the case.

MYSTERY DECK CARD TRICKS

SHOW:

1. Hold the deck with the narrow ends facing the audience. Ask a volunteer to select a card.
2. Secretly turn the deck and then have the volunteer return the selected card.
3. Place the cards into the case with the narrow ends in first. Press in on the sides of the case to hold the selected card by its extended edges while spilling the cards out on the table. Shake out any remaining cards.
4. Hand the case to the volunteer to remove the selected card.

CARD ANSWERS TO ITS NAME

TRICK: A card is selected and then shuffled into the deck. The selected card is named and the magician drops the deck with all cards face-down except for the selected card which turns completely over landing face-up on top of the deck!

SECRET: The selected card is “stripped” from the deck, placed on top and then flipped over when the other cards are dropped.

SECRET SETUP: This trick requires some extra practice before performing in front of an audience.

SHOW:

1. Hold the deck with the narrow ends toward the audience. Ask a volunteer to select a card.
2. Secretly turn the deck, replace the selected card and overhand shuffle the deck.
3. “Strip-out” the chosen card, bringing it to the top.
4. Hold the deck face-down in your left hand. With your right hand over the deck, push the selected card slightly to the right side with your left thumb.
5. Ask the volunteer to name his card and with a slight tossing motion, drop the cards about 12-18 inches onto the table. This action will cause the top card to turn over and land face-up.

RED OR BLACK

TRICK: With the shuffled deck behind the magician’s back, the magician can produce any number of red or black cards requested by a volunteer.

SECRET: The cards are divided by color and stacked in opposite directions. After overhand shuffling, they are “stripped” behind the magician’s back, separating the cards by color.

SECRET SETUP: Separate the cards by color, stack in opposite directions and overhand shuffle the deck.

SHOW:

1. Overhand shuffle the deck and show the deck to the audience. Remember in which direction the black and which direction the red cards are facing.
2. With the deck behind your back, “strip” the cards dividing them in half by color and then stack one color on top of the other, remembering which color is in which direction.
3. Ask a volunteer to name any number of red or black cards up to ten.
4. Count out the number of requested colored cards from the stack and show them to the audience.

MYSTERY DECK CARD TRICKS

MAGIC CUT

TRICK: After a selected card is placed on top of the deck, the deck is cut several times. The magician then cuts to that card!

SECRET: The bottom card is turned in the opposite direction of the rest of the deck so the selected card is easily found.

SECRET SETUP: Except for the bottom card, hold the deck with narrow ends toward the audience.

SHOW:

1. Fan the deck of cards in your hands and ask a volunteer to take one.
 2. Set the deck on the table and ask the volunteer to place his card on top.
 3. Now instruct the volunteer to cut the deck several times.
 4. Take the deck and cut it at the reversed card. The selected card will be the next card.
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CUTTING TO ANY AMOUNT OF CARDS

TRICK: The deck is cut. The magician instantly announces the number of cards cut!

SECRET: One card is turned in the opposite direction of the rest of the deck with a set number of cards above it.

SECRET SETUP: Count out a particular number of cards for the performance. Reverse the last card and place the selected cards on top. Remember the number of cards above and including the one turned in the opposite direction.

SHOW:

1. Show the deck and place it on the table.
 2. Announce to your audience you have become so adept at handling cards you can cut to any quantity you choose.
 3. Tell them the number of cards to which you will cut the deck. Grasp the cards from the one turned in the opposite direction and hand them to a volunteer to count.
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RED AND BLACK SEPARATION

TRICK: The shuffled deck is cut into two piles one black, one red.

SECRET: The black and red cards are turned in opposite directions.

SECRET SETUP: Divide the deck into two piles—one red and one black. Turn one pile with narrow ends in one direction and the other pile in the opposite direction.

SHOW:

1. Overhand shuffle the deck. Show the mixed cards to the audience.
2. Place the deck face down on the table. Grasp the extended edges of the cards and draw them apart. Appear to be cutting the cards as you do this step. Continue pulling the cards in this manner until the two colors are completely separated.
3. Spread the deck face up across the table for your audience's amazement.

MYSTERY DECK CARD TRICKS

SIXTH SENSE

TRICK: With the magician in another room, a volunteer selects a card and shows it to the audience. The magician instantly finds the card when he returns!

SECRET: An assistant turns the card in the opposite direction of the rest of the deck for the magician.

SECRET SETUP: Have a friend secretly work with you.

SHOW:

1. Select two volunteers from the audience - one being your friend who was previously chosen to work with you. Ask your friend to have the second volunteer select a card and show it to the audience when you leave the room
2. The friend secretly turns the deck in the opposite direction and has the volunteer place his selected card in the deck.
3. When the volunteers call the magician back into the room, the magician takes the deck behind his back, strips the selected card and shows it to the audience.
4. Turn the card over behind your back and then show it, but keep the other side hidden.

THUMB TIP TRICKS

DISAPPEARING SALT

MATERIALS: Thumb tip, *handkerchief and *salt

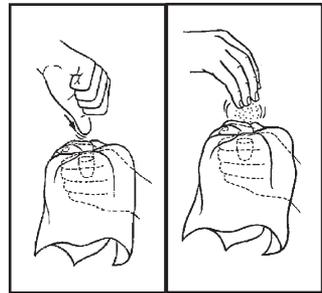
TRICK: Make salt placed into a handkerchief disappear!

SECRET: You use your thumb tip to secretly remove the salt.

SECRET SETUP: Have some salt and a handkerchief ready. Put the thumb tip in a pocket.

SHOW:

1. Reach into your pocket and secretly slip the thumb tip onto your thumb. Place the handkerchief over the fist of your other hand.
2. Say, "I'll make a little hole in the handkerchief with my thumb." Push your thumb into the handkerchief, leaving the thumb tip in it. See FIGURE 1. Your fingers will be holding the thumb tip through the handkerchief.
3. Ask a volunteer to pour a little salt into the handkerchief. See FIGURE 2. Be careful not to let the volunteer see the thumb tip.
4. Say, "I'll pack the salt down well." As you push your thumb into the handkerchief, insert it firmly into the thumb tip.
5. Ask a volunteer to hold out the palms of her hands "to catch the salt." Take hold of the handkerchief with your thumb tip hidden behind it. See FIGURE 3.



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DIMES TO QUARTERS

MATERIALS: thumb tip/five dimes*/ two quarters*

TRICK: Five dimes change into two quarters!

SECRET: The dimes are placed into the thumb tip palmed in your hand with the two quarters.

SECRET SETUP: Place the thumb tip over your thumb. Palm the two quarters in the opposite hand.

SHOW:

1. Tell your audience to watch closely as you transform five dimes into two quarters.
 2. Bring your hands together and secretly palm the thumb tip along side the two quarters.
 3. Count the five dimes aloud as you drop them into your closed fist. Push the thumb tip over your thumb with the last count.
 4. As you draw your top hand away from the closed fist, point to your hand. Open your other hand and present two quarters.
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SUGAR TO CANDY

Materials: thumb tip/ one small piece of wrapped hard candy*, about a teaspoon of sugar or one sugar packet*

TRICK: Sugar poured into your hand magically turns into a piece of candy!

SECRET: The sugar is really poured into the thumb tip palmed in your hand with a piece of candy.

SECRET SETUP: Place the thumb tip over your thumb and palm a piece of candy in the opposite hand before performing the trick.

SHOW:

1. As you talk to your audience, slide your hands together and palm the thumb tip alongside the candy.
 2. Ask a volunteer to open the sugar packet, or take the teaspoon of sugar and pour it into the thumb tip pretending to be pouring it into your fist.
 3. Take the first finger of your opposite hand, push it into your thumb tip and tap the sugar down. Now tap with your thumb pressing into the gadget and removing it from your palm. Hide your thumb behind your other fingers.
 4. Once again, push your first finger in your fist and say some magic words as you open your hand. Present the candy to your audience.
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CUT & RESTORE STRING

MATERIALS: thumb tip/ two pieces of string, each about 12" in length*/ one pair of scissors*

TRICK: Small pieces of cut up string are magically restored into one piece!

SECRET: The cut up pieces of string are dropped into the thumb tip palmed alongside the full length of string

SECRET SETUP: Place the thumb tip over your thumb. Palm the full length of string in the opposite hand.

SHOW:

1. Hand someone a piece of string and scissors.

Ask the volunteer to cut up into as many pieces as they wish.

2. While they are cutting the string, secretly slide the thumb tip into the other hand over the full length of string.

3. Ask the volunteer for the cut up pieces and drop them into your fist/thumb tip.
4. Push your first finger into your fist tapping the string into the thumb tip. Now repeat with your thumb. Pull the thumb tip out with your thumb and slide it behind your fingers.
5. Wave your hand over your fist saying some magic words. Open your hand and show the full length of string to your audience.

SALT TO PEPPER:

MATERIALS: thumb tip/ salt*/ pepper*

TRICK: Drop some salt into a handkerchief and it changes into pepper!

SECRET: You use your thumb tip to secretly remove the salt and replace it with pepper.

SECRET SET UP: Prepare yourself as you did for “Disappearing Salt.” In addition, secretly store some whole pepper corns in the same pocket as the Thumb tip.

SHOW:

1. Follow exactly instructions 1 – 4 for “Disappearing Salt.” Before proceeding to number 5, secretly take the pepper out of your pocket with the hand that will go into the handkerchief. Push your thumb down into the handkerchief while holding the pepper in the rest of your hand. Then follow the directions for number 5. When you shake out your handkerchief, open your hand at the same time so the pepper will fall into the volunteer’s palms. It will seem that the salt has changed to pepper!

BALANCING CARD

MATERIALS: thumb tip/ double-sided tape/ playing card

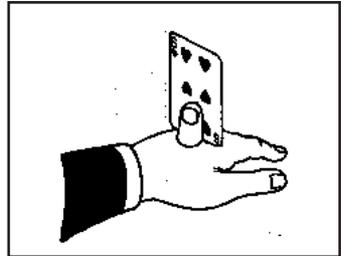
TRICK: A playing card standing up with its face to the audience is balanced on the back of your hand!

SECRET: The back of the card is attached to the thumb tip.

SECRET SETUP: Attach a piece of double-sided tape to the bottom of the fingerprint side of the thumb tip. Push the thumb tip on your thumb.

SHOW:

1. Tell your audience you will magically balance a playing card on the back of your hand.
2. Show the face of the card with the hand opposite the thumb tip, grasp it with both hands, then press the bottom back end of the card on the thumb tip. Be sure the bottom of the tip is even with the bottom of the card.
3. With the opposite hand, take the card and thumb tip and balance it on the back of the other hand. SEE FIGURE 1.
4. Remove the card and thumb tip by sliding your thumb into the thumb tip. Pull the card away.



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CUT AND RESTORE TISSUE

MATERIALS: two facial tissues*/ one pair of scissors*/ thumb tip

TRICK: The center of a tissue is cut and then found restored.

SECRET: There are two tissues – one cut and then hidden in thumb tip.

SECRET SETUP: Grasp the center of one tissue and cut about two inches down. Push the cut portion into

the thumb tip leaving it slightly extended so it can be removed easily. Push the tip over your thumb.

SHOW:

1. Show the full tissue to the audience. With your hand and the thumb tip, grasp it from the center keeping your thumb tip behind the tissue.
2. Wrap the opposite hand around the tissue and thumb tip. Remove your thumb, pulling some of the cut tissue from the tip. The cut tissue appears to be the center of the uncut one.
3. Ask a volunteer to cut the top of the already cut tissue extended from the thumb tip.
4. Put the cut piece into the thumb tip with the thumb on your opposite hand as you were pushing the cut tissue into your fist. Pull the thumb tip out wearing it on your thumb. Hold your thumb behind your fingers.
5. Open the “restored” tissue for your audiences inspection.

DISAPPEARING NAPKIN

MATERIALS: thumb tip/*napkin

TRICK: Confuse and confound the audience in this incredible vanishing act! Poke a napkin into your closed fist. With a wave of your hand, the napkin instantly vanishes, and your hands are empty! The napkin then magically reappears in the other hand!

SECRET SET UP: Place the thumb tip on your right thumb. Hold the napkin between your thumbs and first fingers.

SHOW:

1. Show the napkin (and your empty hands) to the audience.
2. Make a fist with your left hand, as you transfer the napkin to your first and second fingers. This allows you to place your thumb into your fist. Leave the thumb tip in your fist, and immediately begin to poke the napkin into your fist using your right fingers.
3. Poke the napkin entirely into the thumb tip, and then poke one last time with your right thumb. As you make this last poke, secretly remove the thumb tip from your fist.
4. Wave your right hand, and then open your left hand to show that the napkin has disappeared! You can now casually show that your hands are empty by wiggling your fingers towards the audience (keep both your thumbs pointed at the audience so it’s hard to spot the thumb tip).
5. To make the napkin reappear, close your right fingers over the thumb tip, and remove your thumb. Reach into your right-hand fist and remove the napkin! It’s reappeared!

LEVITATING TOOL TRICK

LEVITATING MOBILE PHONE

MATERIALS: suction cup levitating tool/*cell phone

TRICK: Everyone will want a phone like yours after they watch it float mysteriously through the air!

SECRET SET UP: Place the suction cup tool on the back of the phone, making sure that it is stuck firmly in place. Hold the phone so that your hand hides the suction cup tool.

SHOW:

1. Begin by showing the audience the phone in your hand.
2. Secretly slide your thumb into the suction cup tool and place your fingers underneath the phone. Your

other hand should be on top of the phone.

3. Slowly remove your fingers from the bottom of the phone, allowing the suction cup tool (and your thumb) to hold the phone in place.

4. Remove your other hand, and it will appear that the phone is magically levitating between your hands. Keep your fingers moving and both hands close together so that it doesn't become obvious that your thumb is attached to the phone.

5. Replace both of your hands, and then slide your thumb out of the tool.

EVERYDAY ITEM TRICKS

THE VANISHING COIN

MATERIALS: *spoon/*quarter

TRICK: The magician borrows a spoon and a coin. He claims that the spoon will be his magic wand . . . helping him to make the coin vanish. He taps the coin three times to make it disappear. But, on the third tap, the spoon vanishes instead. Where is it? It's behind the magician's ear!

SHOW:

1. Stand with the spectator on your left side.

2. Place the quarter in your left hand palm.

3. Holding the bowl of the spoon in your right hand, point to the quarter with the end of the spoon handle and say you will tap it three times to make it vanish.

4. As you raise the spoon each time to tap the coin, the spoon comes up towards your face. Keep looking intently at the coin to add to the misdirection. On the third tap, you actually slide the spoon handle behind your ear on the UP motion, leaving your hand empty on the DOWN stroke. Maintain the same rhythm as before and no one will notice.

5. Act surprised after the count of "3" and then act surprised that the spoon has disappeared instead of the quarter. Then, slowly turn your body around and point up to your ear to reveal the spoon.

THE MYSTERIOUS STRAW

MATERIALS: *straw/*smooth table surface

TRICK: A borrowed straw is placed on a table. The magician waves his hands around the straw in an attempt to "generate static electricity". Sure enough, the straw eventually rolls across the table on its own!

SHOW:

1. Place the straw on the table.

2. Place your finger on the table and begin to make a circular motion around the straw, without touching it.

3. Bend your head down closely towards the straw, as if to watch it closer. This builds the misdirection.

4. As people begin to wonder if anything is going to happen, slowly stop moving your finger in the circular motion and instead place it in front of the straw and move your finger away from you.

5. At the same time, lightly blow on the straw, which will make it move towards your moving finger. It should look as if the straw is eerily following your finger.

THE JUMPING RUBBER BAND

MATERIALS: *two medium sized rubber bands

TRICK: While talking about Houdini, the great escape artist, the magician shows a rubber band. He says the rubber band will “escape” from his first two fingers and move to his other two fingers. He snaps his fingers and sure enough they jump across. Now, he offers to do it again but to make it harder for “little Houdini”. He places an additional rubber band on his fingers to make it impossible for the rubber band to jump across. But, it jumps again!

SHOW: PART 1

1. Wrap the rubber band around your right first finger and middle finger.
2. Hold your hand up with your palm facing you.
3. Use your left hand to pull the band out, proving to your audience that it's stuck on those two fingers. Do this several times.
4. On the final time, you will pull the band towards you at the same time you close your right fist. You will need to secretly sneak all four of your right fingers underneath the band as you let go with your left hand.
5. Keep your fist closed and point out again that the band is around your first and second fingers.
6. Snap your left hand fingers and at the same time open your right hand. As you open your fist, the rubber band will jump across!

SHOW: PART 2

1. Set up the trick a second time, with the band around you first and second fingers.
 2. Now, place the second band around the tips of your four fingers. Interweave it between each finger to make it look more complex. Explain that it's now impossible for the band to come off and jump across.
 3. Repeat the secret move and get your fingers underneath the band.
 4. Open your fist to show it's jumped again!
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THE CRAZY PAPER BANDS

MATERIALS: *paper party streamers (usually about 2” wide) or colored construction paper/*scotch tape/*pair of scissors

TRICK: The magician takes a length of party streamer and makes three rings. Two of the rings are given to spectators, who are asked to cut the band into two separate rings with a pair of scissors. The magician demonstrates with his/her band. When the magician finishes, he is holding two separate bands. But, when the two spectators finish... one of them now has two rings that are linked and the other has one big band!

SECRET SET UP: If using construction paper, cut the paper into 11“x2” strips. You'll need three strips. Take the first strip and tape it together to make a circle (end for end it should be attached). Take the second strip and tape it together into a circle, but before you tape it give one end a 180 degree twist. Take the third strip and tape it as well, but this time give one end a 360 degree twist.

SHOW:

1. Show three bands. (If using streamers make them long so that it'll be hard for people to see that there are twists in them.)
2. Cut into the first band, but inserting your scissors in the middle and cutting all the way around. When you meet the cut at the other end, you will have created two separate rings.

3. Cut into the second ring, the same way. However, when you've cut all the way through on this one it will instead make ONE big ring!
 4. Cut into the third ring, the same way. This one will become TWO LINKED rings!
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THE STRONG DOLLAR

MATERIALS: *a sharp pencil/*dollar bill/*piece of paper or a napkin slightly larger than a bill

TRICK: The magician offers to demonstrate the "strength" of the US dollar. He borrows a pencil and proceeds to push it right through the center of the dollar! The pencil is removed but the dollar is completely unharmed. Impossible.

SECRET SET-UP: Tear a small slit in the dollar bill. The slit should be about an inch long and should be from top to bottom. Looking at the bill horizontally, it should be on the left side about 1.5" from the side and vertically in the middle. (Easier to show!)

SHOW:

1. Show the dollar bill and casually show both sides. Your thumb and fingers should naturally cover the slit.
 2. Fold the bill in half, end for end. (The slit side should be on the bottom.)
 3. Fold the paper around the bill, leaving the bill sticking out a bit on the bottom.
 4. Feed the pencil into both the bill and paper. Secretly get the tip of the pencil into the slit. Feed the pencil about 2" into the bill/paper.
 5. With a little drama, "forcefully" push the pencil tip through the papers (it will now apparently look like it penetrated both the paper and dollar). You will see the pencil tip protrude from the torn paper.
 6. Slightly separate the bottom of the paper/dollar to show that the pencil is indeed in between both papers, proving that both were harmed.
 7. Pull out the pencil and snap your fingers.
 8. Open both papers to show that the dollar bill is completely unharmed. Hold it up by both sides and again your fingers will cover up the slit.
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THE RISING RING

MATERIALS: *a finger ring or key ring/*a thin, medium sized rubber band

TRICK: The magician borrows a finger ring or key ring. He threads the ring onto a rubber band and holds it up between both hands. The rubber band is held at an angle, with the ring sitting at the bottom. Slowly, the ring starts to float UP the rubber band. Spooky!

SHOW:

1. With your right hand, grab 4/5 of the rubber band (doubled over itself) and pinch it with your right forefinger and thumb. Hide the rest of the rubber band in your closed right fist.
2. On the protruding piece, thread the ring.
3. With your left hand, hold the rubber band in between your left thumb and forefingers.
4. Stretch the rubber band as tightly as it will go (should only be about 4-5" since most of the band is hidden in your hand).
5. Demonstrate how much movement is needed to make the ring move down/up the rubber band (it

usually takes at least a 45 degree angle).

6. Lower your right hand so that the ring is at the bottom of the slope, near your thumb and forefinger.

7. Hold your arms steady (you can even have them held by a spectator) and begin to stare intently at the rubber band.

8. Slowly release the tension between your right thumb and forefinger. As the tension is released, you will see the ring slowly “move” up the band!

THE VANISHING SALT SHAKER

MATERIALS: *salt shaker/*two paper napkins/*a coin/*a table

TRICK: The magician shows a coin on a table, then covers it with a salt shaker. He then covers the salt shaker with a paper napkin. The magician claims that he’ll make the coin vanish by tapping it with the “magic salt shaker”. He taps it once. . . doesn’t work. He taps it twice. . . still doesn’t work. Third tap. . . WHAM! The magician slaps his hand down on the napkin form and now the salt shaker has disappeared!

SHOW:

1. Sit at the table with your spectator across from you. Cross your ankles.

2. Place the quarter on the table and then place the salt shaker on top of it. Tell the audience that you will tap the quarter with the salt shaker and it will disappear. But you’ll need to hide “the magic”.

3. Cover the salt shaker with one or two napkins, depending on how many are needed. You should be able to wrap the napkin around the shaker so that the paper takes on the form of the shaker. It should fit nicely over it and not be too tight.

4. Hold the shaker/napkin in your right hand and gesture towards the quarter.

5. Tap the quarter with the shaker and say “Disappear!”.

6. Remove the shaker and move it towards your body. The quarter is still there, unfortunately.

7. Repeat again. It still doesn’t work. (Again, keep looking at the quarter and move the shaker towards your body when you pull it away.)

8. On the third try, move your hand towards your body with the shaker once more. This time, however, you will release your grip on the napkin allowing the shaker to fall out and onto your lap. You will be left holding the napkin, but no one will notice its empty because the shape looks the same. Continue to look at the quarter so no one notices the drop. . . it’s all timing.

9. Replace the “shaker” and say you’ll try a different trick, since this one isn’t working. You’ll make the shaker vanish!

10. With that, smack your hand down on the empty napkin form proving that the shaker has now vanished.

11. Ask your audience if they know where it is. Tell them it’s reappeared under the table.

12. Reach under the table to the area where the shaker “vanished”. As you go under, grab the shaker off your lap.

13. Come back from under the table with the “reappeared” shaker!

THE FLOATING BREAD ROLL

MATERIALS: *bread roll/*fork/*napkin

TRICK: Seated at the dinner table, the magician takes a bread roll and covers it with his cloth napkin. Magically, the bread roll begins to float out of his hand! The magician hold the top two corners of the napkin while the bread roll mysteriously rises behind it! How's the bread roll doing this???? Too much yeast!

SECRET SET-UP: Secretly place your fork in your lap at dinner (or a duplicate second fork if you can so no one will notice yours is missing!).

SHOW:

1. At dinner, offer to show how you can make bread rise, without yeast!
2. Take a dinner roll and hold it in your outstretched left hand.
3. Reach into your lap and get your napkin, but secretly hide the fork inside as well.
4. Stab the fork into the bread roll.
5. Grab the fork and the corner of the napkin, as your other hand holds the other corner. The roll should appear to now be floating under the napkin.
6. Slowly move the napkin around as if the roll is floating underneath.
7. Hold the corners taught and then you can "peek" the roll up to the edge of the napkin by moving your hand with the fork.
8. Act as if the roll is pulling you away!
9. Finally, let go with the hand not holding the fork. Reach underneath and retrieve the roll, pulling it off the fork.
10. Quickly move your hand with the fork and napkin to your lap, where you can ditch the fork.



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