



HOW TO DO TATTOOS



Want to make your parents panic and your friends envious? These washable tattoos are the answer.

You will need: • Black fine-tip washable felt-tip pen • Washable felt-tip pens (NOT permanent marker pens) • Tracing paper or baking parchment • Roll-on deodorant, the type with a big ball at the end (if possible, use a deodorant that is hypoallergenic so that it doesn't make your skin itchy)



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For this pirate-style prankery, begin by drawing a design on a piece of tracing paper or baking parchment. Be creative! Draw the outline first, with the fine-tip black pen, and then colour it in with the other pens.



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Roll a thin layer of deodorant over the whole area of your skin where you want your tattoo to be. (Note: don't do this on your face, near your eyes, or anywhere you have a cut or a graze.)

Top tip! Your tattoo will print onto your skin in reverse, so you need to flip your image and any writing you include. You can check if your design will print correctly by looking at its reflection in a mirror.



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Quickly, before the deodorant dries, slap your tattoo on top, ink-side down. Hold it firmly in place against your skin, but try not to move it or it may smudge. Wait a minute or so then carefully peel off the paper.

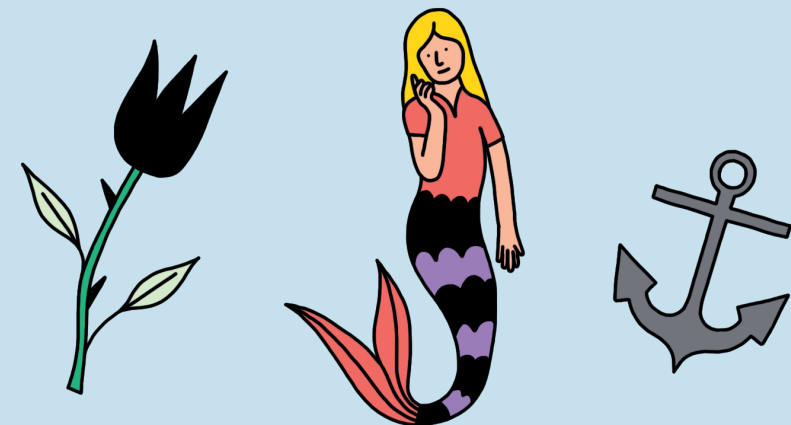


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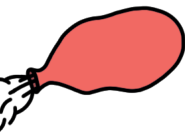
A colourful tattoo image should be left behind. Some combinations of pens and deodorants work better than others, so try experimenting. Now frighten your family by showing them your new ink!

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Have a go at designing all sorts of tattoos. Here's some ideas to get you started:



Top tip! When you get bored with it, you should be able to gently wash your tattoo off using soap and water. Ta-ta, tattoo!

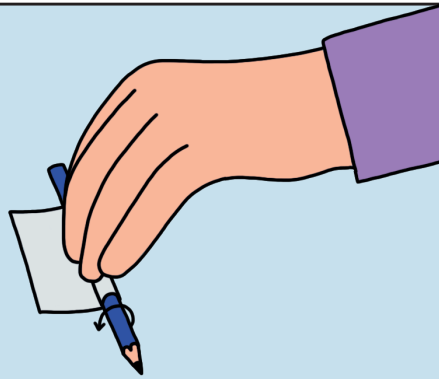


WHOOOP IT UP

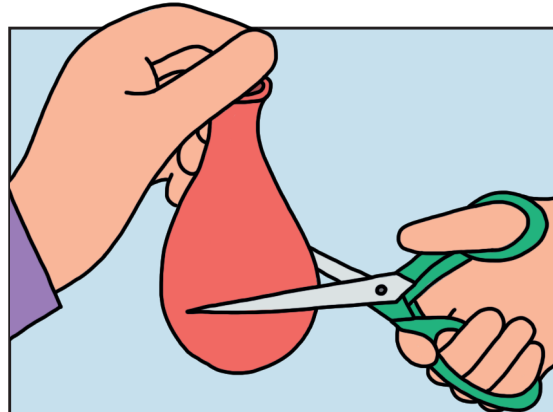


Whoopee cushions are pretty much the most fun you can have sitting down.

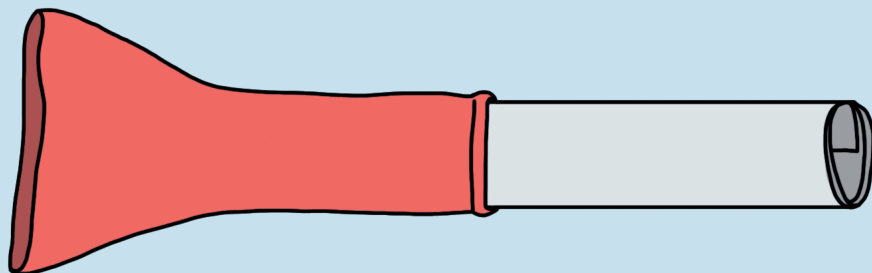
You will need: • Strip of paper, about 6cm wide and 30cm long • Pencil • Glue stick • Balloon
• Scissors • Large rubber glove • Several rubber bands • Car wash sponge



1. Start by making your fart whistle. Wind the paper tightly around the pencil to make a paper tube. Use a glue stick to stick down the end of the paper strip so it doesn't unwind, and then slide out the pencil.



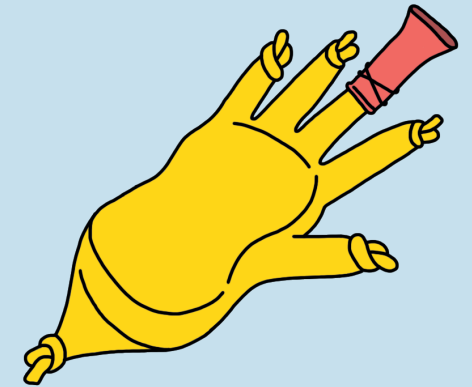
2. If you're using a round balloon, with your scissors carefully cut across the rubber at its widest point. For a sausage-shaped balloon, cut across the balloon at the opposite end from the mouthpiece.



3. Insert the paper tube into the neck of the balloon, leaving as much balloon to hang free beyond the tube as possible. This gives you a wetter, richer fart noise. If the balloon doesn't cling tightly around the tube, secure it with a small rubber band. Blow the whistle and hear a fart!



4. Now for your cushion! Tie a knot in each finger and thumb of the glove (or seal them off using rubber bands), except the middle finger. Knotting the fingers forces the air through the fart whistle. Stuff the sponge inside the glove until it is entirely covered and fits snugly inside.



5. If there is enough spare glove, stretch it and knot the glove closed or seal using a rubber band. The sponge makes your fart cushion self-inflating. Now, carefully cut off the tip of the middle finger, insert your fart whistle and seal it tightly with a rubber band. Give it a practice squeeze. It should fart nicely. If not, check all the seals to make sure air isn't escaping in the wrong places.



6. Place your whoopee cushion on a seat under a comfy cushion. Hard chairs work better than soft ones. Invite a victim to take the weight off their legs. Thrrrrrrpppp!

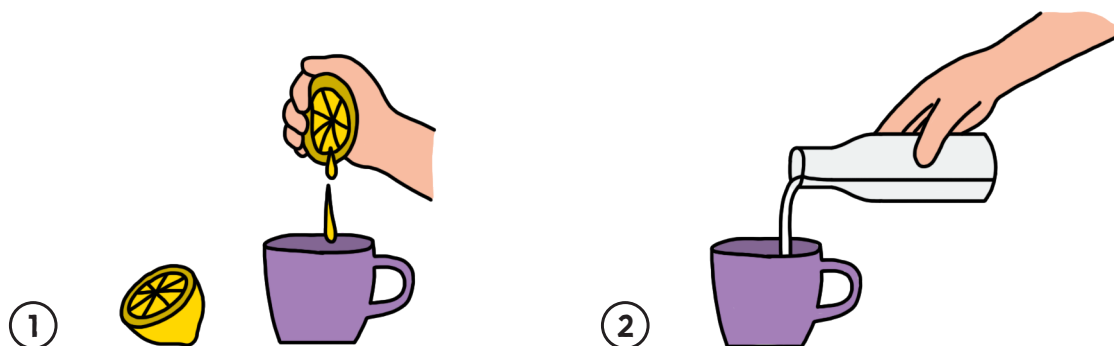
INVISIBLE INK

Send secret messages to your friends with this easy invisible ink recipe.

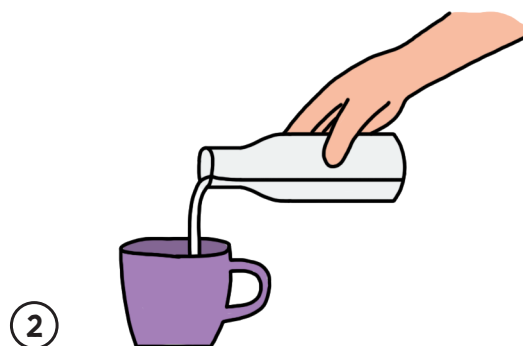
You will need: • Knife • Lemon • Cup
• Cotton-wool bud or paintbrush • Paper

IT'S NO JOKE!

During World War I, German spies living in Britain used fruit-juice inks to send each other hidden messages. When they were eventually captured, they became known as 'The Lemon Juice Spies'.



1 Ask an adult to cut a lemon in half. Squeeze the two halves as firmly as you can over a cup to catch the juice, and then remove any pips. Careful you don't get any lemon juice in your eyes!



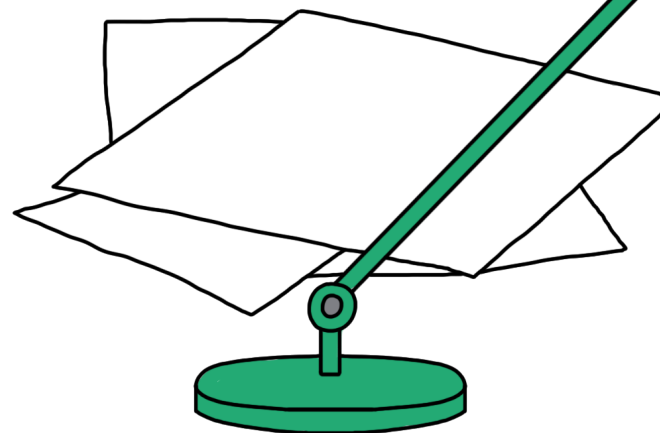
2 Mix the lemon juice with water – half and half.



3 Dip a cotton-wool bud or paintbrush in your invisible ink and write a message, or draw a picture, on a piece of paper and leave the paper to dry.



4 If you want to, you can also fold and crumple the paper to disguise any crinkles caused by the ink wetting the surface.



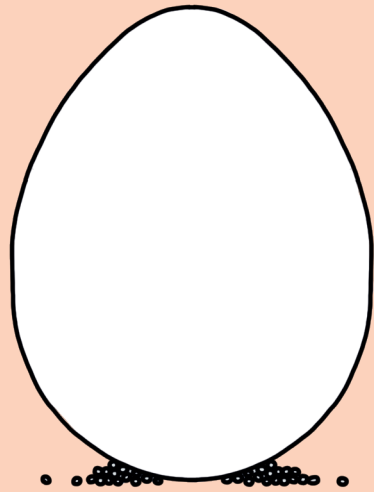
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To reveal the secret message, simply hold it up to a heat source, such as a hot radiator or light bulb. The heat causes chemicals in the ink to turn brown, allowing you to read what was written. You can even get a grown-up to iron it for you – provided you can trust them to keep it a secret!

Top tip! You can make other invisible inks using onion juice and even diluted milk!

THE BALANCING EGG

You will need: • Table salt • Egg
• Drinking straw



Challenge a friend to balance an egg so it stands vertically on a smooth surface. It is impossible – unless you know how.

Make a small pile of table salt and stand the egg upright on top of it. Now gently blow the salt away with a drinking straw. With just one or two grains of salt remaining, the egg should keep upright.

THE PLAYING CARD TRICK

You will need: • Two playing cards

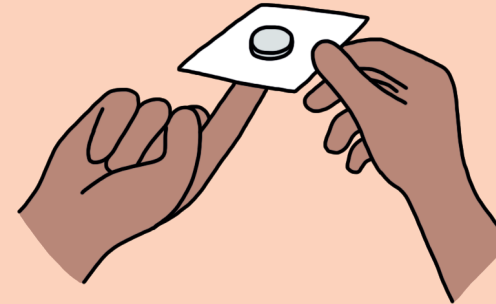


Take two playing cards and place one on the floor about 30cm in front of a friend. Hand them the other card and challenge them to drop it from above their waist so it lands touching the other card.

Most people will hold the card vertically, which means it flutters to one side. On your turn, hold the card horizontally, level with the floor. It should roughly fall in a straight line.

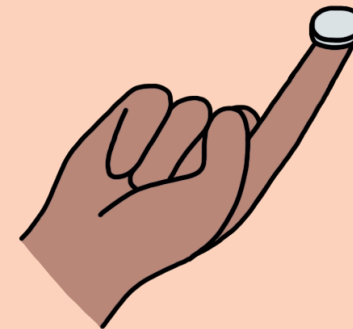
THE COIN ON THE CARD TRICK

You will need: • Playing card • Coin



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Get a friend to extend their index finger. Balance a playing card on the fingertip and place a coin on top. The trick is to remove the card without the coin falling off. Can they do it?

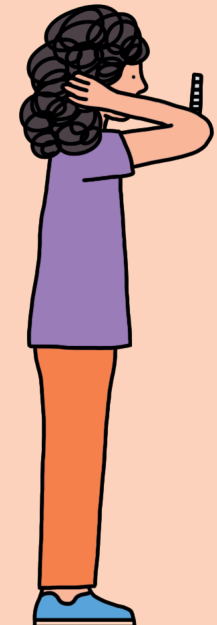


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Probably not, but you can! With your hand pull the card away horizontally, quickly. You might want to practise this a few times before you're ready to do the trick perfectly. The card flies off and the coin stays in place. Magic!

THE COIN SNATCH

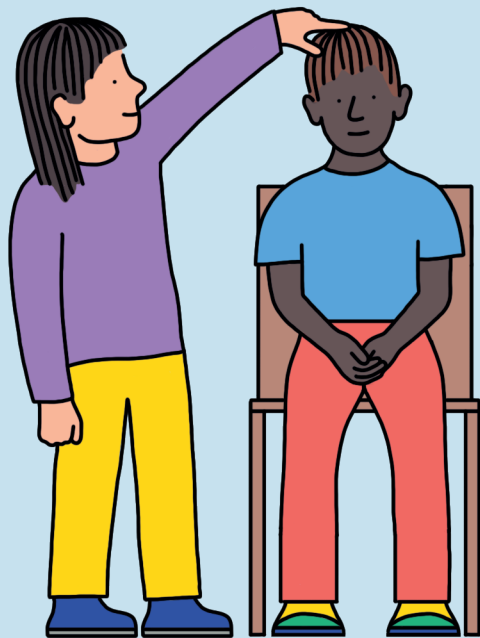
You will need: • Lots of coins



Bend your hand towards your shoulder and balance a pile of coins close to your elbow. The trick is to whip your hand over and catch the coins before they hit the floor. It is possible, but without practice there's a big chance of scattering cash all over the place.

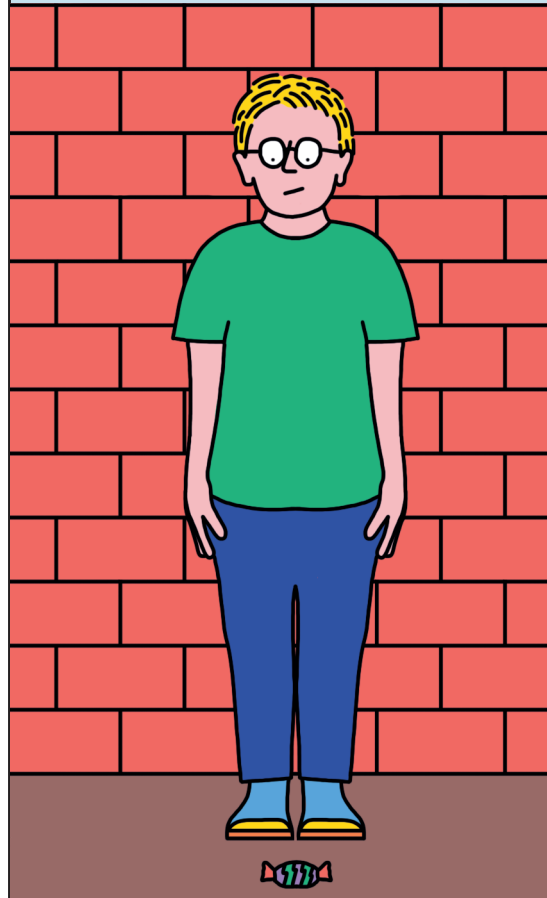
IT'S NO JOKE! The coin-snatching world record stands at over 300 coins!

THE CHAIR CHALLENGE



Ask a friend to sit on a chair. Now, placing one finger on top of their head, challenge them to rise to a standing position without leaning forward or using their arms to push themselves up. They can't. It's impossible!

THE WALL CHALLENGE



Tell a friend to stand with their back to a wall, with their heels touching the wall. Place something lovely – money, sweets, a bag of snacks – on the floor in front of them, about half a metre away. Say they can have the treat if they can bend over and pick it up without moving their feet away from the wall. Now watch, as each of their attempts end in failure!

THE PIECE OF PAPER CHALLENGE

You will need: • A4 paper



Take a piece of paper and make two evenly spaced tears lengthways, from one edge to the middle. Now challenge a friend to hold the paper at each side and pull it apart so that it ends up in three pieces. They will be guaranteed to fail!

THE SPAGHETTI SNAP CHALLENGE

You will need: • Spaghetti



Offer someone a million quid if they can take a piece of ordinary dried spaghetti, hold it at either end, bend it and snap in to just two pieces. They can't! The spaghetti always breaks in to at least three pieces.

Top Tip! When it is your turn, you can cheat. In advance, ask an adult to use a knife to score a line in the middle of a piece of spaghetti. This will then break in to two pieces.