

TRICKS & TIPS

- Make sure all your equipment is ready before you begin a trick.
- Practice each trick so often that you can do it almost without thinking, and practice in front of a mirror so you can see how the trick will look to the audience.
- Practice and perfect the story you tell while performing each trick - it's what makes you different from anyone else who performs the same trick.
- Keep your audience directly in front of you. Don't let people sit beside or behind you.
- Tell the audience jokes and stories to distract them and to add to their interest.
- Never tell the audience what you are going to do before you do it. Good magic relies on surprise.
- Do not repeat a trick for the same audience. If you do, there is a good chance they will figure it out since they know what to look for.
- Remember the magician's code:

NEVER GIVE AWAY YOUR SECRETS!

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VANISHING COIN

Trick:

A coin vanishes from the magician's fist.

Props:

- A thumb tip (included)
- A small coin (not included)

Secret:

A small coin is hidden in the thumb tip.

Presentation:

1. Have the thumb tip in your closed left fist.
2. Show a coin in your right hand.
3. Hold it between index finger & thumb, then put it carefully in your left fist.
4. Drop it silently out of sight, slip your left thumb in to put the thumb tip on it.
5. Blow on your left fist, then open it. The coin has vanished (Fig. 1).



Fig.1

MAGIC CAPSULE

Trick:

A dollar bill is placed into a transparent canister, which is then wrapped in a piece of paper. With a magic gesture, the bill vanishes!

Props:

- Two different sizes of transparent canisters, one fitting into the other (included).
- Dollar bill and a piece of paper measuring about 8" x 10" (not included).

Presentation:

1. Show the empty canisters (fFig.1).
2. Place the bill carefully into the canister. Then wrap in a piece of paper as shown (Fig.2).
3. Ensure that the open end of the paper cylinder is below the edge of the table and secretly allow the inner canister to fall into your lap.
4. Now, turn the paper cylinder over and twist the other end. (Fig.4).
5. Let a spectator feel the canister inside and let him take the cylinder and open it. To the audience's amazement, the bill has vanished!



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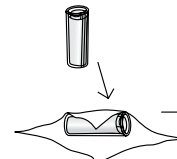


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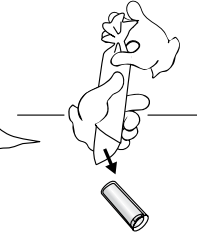


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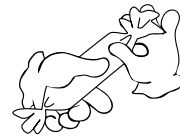


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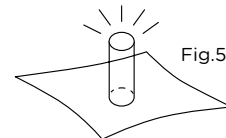


Fig.5

PIERCE A DOLLAR BILL

Trick:

Pass a pencil through a dollar bill without damaging the bill.

Props:

- Bill with a hidden cut
- Piece of plain paper cut to the same size (not included)
- Pencil (not included)

Hidden cut



Presentation:

1. Place the dollar bill and the plain paper together and fold them (Fig. 1).
2. Place the tip of the pencil between the folds of the dollar bill ensuring that it passes through the cut section (Fig. 2).
3. Show the audience that the pencil is about to pass through the bill and the paper.
4. Push the pencil so it tears a hole through the paper (fig. 3).
5. Remove the pencil & show the dollar bill unharmed.

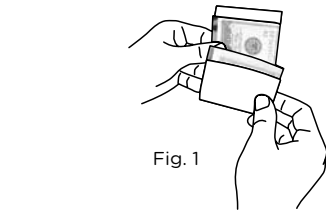


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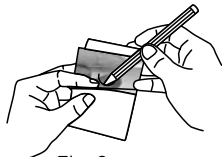


Fig. 2



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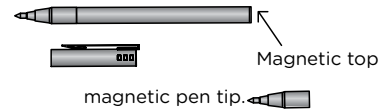
THE PIERCING PEN

Trick:

A bill is pierced by a pen and appears undamaged.

Props:

- Pen with magnetic top (included)
- Magnetic pen tip (included)



Preparation :

Attach the magnetic pen tip to the end of the pen and hold it with your right hand as illustrated in fig. 1.

Fig. 1



Presentation: Piercing the Bill

1. Hold the pen with your right hand as illustrated (Fig. 1). Ask to borrow a dollar bill from an audience member and ask for a volunteer to check the bill before it passes to you.
2. Take the bill with your left hand and inspect it to ensure it is in good condition.
3. Fold it as shown. Show the bill to the audience again with your left hand while concealing the pen tip in your right hand palm as illustrated (Fig. 2).

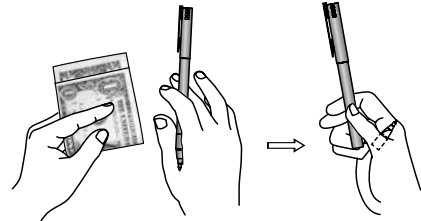


Fig. 2

4. Hold the pen near the tip in order to cover the end while you are placing it in between the folded bill.
5. Show the audience that the pen is in the middle of the folded bill. Then move your left hand a little bit closer to your body and stick the magnetic tip to the end of the pen as illustrated (Fig. 3).

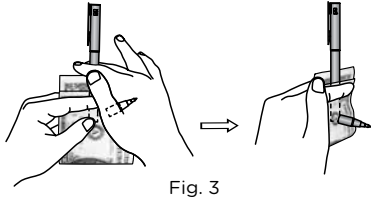


Fig. 3

6. Adjust the folded bill and push the pen sharply from the top. The magnetic tip will slip down to the bottom. This gives the illusion that the pen has passed through the bill (fig. 4, 5 & 6).

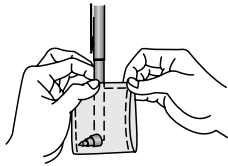


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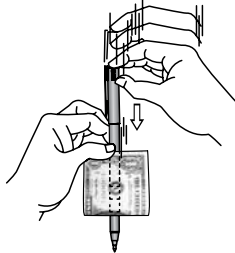


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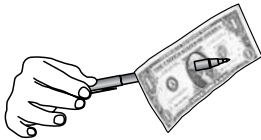


Fig. 6

The Restoration

7. After piercing the bill with your pen, hold the pen by the back end freely showing that it has passed through the bill (Fig. 7).
8. Now grip the bill firmly on the left side between your left fingers and thumb. Hold it right on the edge. Have your audience watch as you pull the pen backwards quickly and slightly to the right (Fig. 8).



Fig. 7

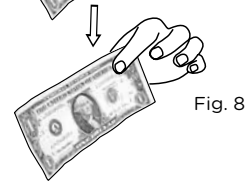


Fig. 8

The Clean Up

9. Hand the bill back to the volunteer and have them check it. At the same time, secretly hold the magnetic pen tip in your left palm, and remove the cap from the pen and drop both cap and pen onto the table while your audience is looking at the bill (Fig. 9).

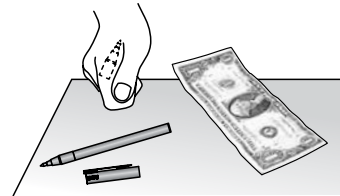


Fig. 9



MAGIC COCKTAIL SWIZZLE

Trick:

Rabbits are produced and vanish from the cocktail stirrer at will.

Props:

Rabbit cocktail stirrer (included)

Secret:

Upon examining the stirrer, you will note that one side has a picture of a hat on it and the other side has a picture of a rabbit. Through the use of the "Turnover Move", you are able to seemingly show both sides at the same time (Fig. 1).

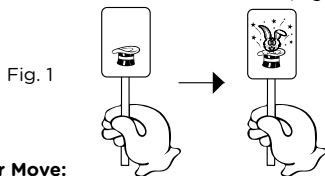


Fig. 1

Turnover Move:

Hold the stirrer between the thumb and the forefinger. Turn your hand over toward you to show the other side, but as you do so, roll the stirrer between the thumb and forefinger. This should create the illusion that you are showing both sides when you are actually showing the same side twice (Fig. 2).

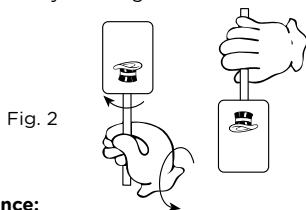


Fig. 2

Performance:

1. Using the "Turnover Move", show both sides of the stirrer are empty.
2. Place your left hand over the stirrer. At the same time, turn the stirrer to make the rabbit appear.
3. Using the "Turnover Move" to show both sides with a rabbit.
4. Pretend to take the rabbit off with your left hand while secretly turning the stirrer so the empty side is facing up and pretend to place the rabbit into your pocket.

THE DISAPPEARING GLASS

Trick:

A glass vanishes when wrapped in a sheet of paper.

Props:

- Glass (not included)
- Crumpled dollar bill (not included)
- Sheet of paper which can cover the glass completely with some overlap (not included)

Secret:

A piece of paper wrapped around the glass will retain the shape - even after the magician has secretly dropped it into his lap.

Presentation:

1. Place the glass over the crumpled bill and wrap the paper around it. Tell the audience that you are going to make the bill disappear. This is to misdirect the audience (Fig.1).
2. Then, lift the paper and glass again to show the crumpled bill is still on the table while moving the wrapped glass slightly toward you. Just clear of the table, relax your hold so that the glass is allowed to quietly drop into your lap, out of sight of the audience (Fig. 2).
3. When you again place the paper over the object, you must maintain the illusion that you are replacing both paper and glass. Wave your hand mysteriously over the "glass" and claim that you will make the object vanish. You then smash your hand down on the paper, which will flatten, giving the appearance that the glass has pierced the table (Fig. 3).
4. Bring the glass from under the table and say, 'oops, wrong object.' The entire time, the audience's attention will have been distracted from the glass.

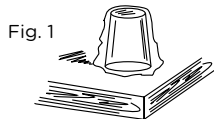
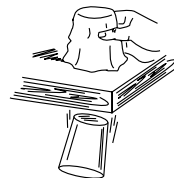


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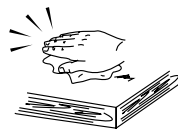
Glass wrapped in paper.

Fig. 2



Glass dropped from table.

Fig. 3



Paper flattened.

WIN-A-DRINK CARDS

Trick:

Show your friends three cards. Tell them to remember the two of Spades, which is in the middle. When they pull the card, they will always pull the Buy-Me-A-Drink card.

Props:

- Ace with a fake half card hinged (included)
- Win a drink card (included)
- Three of spades (included)



Preparation:

You will notice that the two of spades is actually a fake half card hinged onto the ace of spades. This allows you to hide the “Buy Me A Drink” card exactly behind fake half card two of spades (Fig.1). When you position the three of spades on top to form a fan of cards, it looks like just three normal cards (Fig. 2).



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

Presentation:

Hold the cards face up and ask a friend to keep their eyes on the middle card. Slowly turn the cards over and ask them to remove it. It looks like they are removing the two of spades. Keep the cards face down and slide the two cards closer together to hide the fake-hinged two of spades. Your friend will be certain that they have the two of spades. Get them to bet a drink on it. When they turn the card over, they discover that they have to buy a drink for you.



CHEERS TO THAT!



IMPOSSIBOTTLE TRICK

Trick:

A full and open bottle of beer is turned upside down. Defying gravity and logic, the beer remains suspended.

Props:

- 1 clear bottle cap with hole (included)
- 1 beer bottle (not included)

Preparation:

Before the trick, sneak the cap onto an open bottle (Fig. 1).

Presentation:

1. Explain to your friends that you are going to attempt “the impossibottle”.
2. Turn the bottle upside down with your thumb over the hole and when you feel sure the cap has adhered, let go. The liquid remains inside the bottle. To add to the drama you can push a pencil through the hole or even let matches or swizzle sticks mysteriously float up inside the bottle while it is still being held upside down (Fig. 2).



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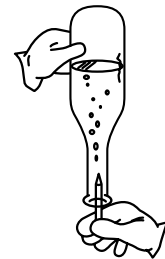


Fig.2

THE LONG & SHORT DRINK ILLUSION

Trick:

Magically make a short drink into a long drink.

Props:

- 2 curved wineglass cards (included)

Presentation:

1. Following the sequence in the illustrations, first show your audience the pictures of red and white glasses of wine. The red glass of wine appears to be longer than the white glass of wine (Fig. 1)
2. Pick up the white wine and pretend to stretch it. Place it on the right of the red wine and somehow it appears longer (Fig. 2).
3. Now pick up and “stretch” the red wine glass and put it to the right of the white wine glass. It seems longer than the white again.
4. Finally, show them to be the same size (Fig. 3)

Fig.1



Fig.2



Fig.3



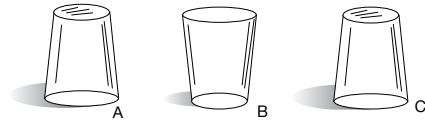
CHALLENGING GLASSES

Trick:

Challenge your friends to follow a simple sequence to turn three glasses rim upwards.

Props:

- 3 shot glasses (not included)



Presentation:

1. Start with the glasses as in the illustration. Turn 2 glasses at a time, following this sequence: A+B, A+C, A+B. Ask everyone to remember this sequence.
2. All the glasses are now rim side UP.
3. This time start with the outside glasses face up and the middle face down. Ask a volunteer to follow the sequence ensuring they all end up rim UP. To everyone's amusement, all glasses will face rim down due to the different starting position which is almost never noticed.

THE LEVITATING GLASS

Trick:

Suspend a third glass over the other two with just a dollar bill.

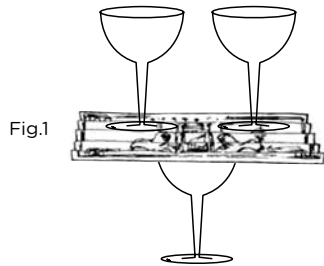
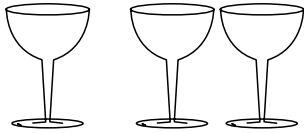


Fig.1

Props:

- 3 wine glasses (not included)
- 1 dollar bill (not included)

Props:

1. Fold a dollar bill like an accordion. It will hold the weight of the third glass.
2. Place the folded bill on one glass and then place the two glasses on top of the bill (Fig. 1)

*Do not try with real glass until having perfected the trick.

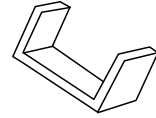
WINE GLASS WIZARDRY

Trick:

Two glasses balanced on a book or tray amazingly defy gravity when turned upside down.

Props:

- U-shaped balance (included)
- 2 glasses (not included)



Preparation:

You will need to practice by using two wine glasses for a while before performance.

Performance:

1. Place the balance with the prongs facing up onto a book. Place your thumb between the prongs and put two glasses on either side of your thumb so that a prong from each side of the balance slips into each glass (Fig. 1).
2. Your thumb now squeezes down so that the edge of the glasses are pushed firmly against the balance, gripping the glasses.
3. You can now dramatically turn the book upside down and the glasses will appear to be suspended and stick to the book! (Fig. 2).
4. As you remove the glasses, secretly hide the balance while your friends examine the book and glasses.

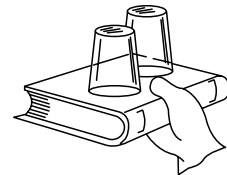


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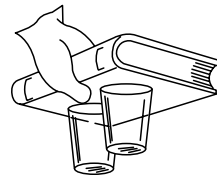


Fig. 2



CARD TO MATCHBOX

Trick:

A playing card magically changes to a matchbox.

Props:

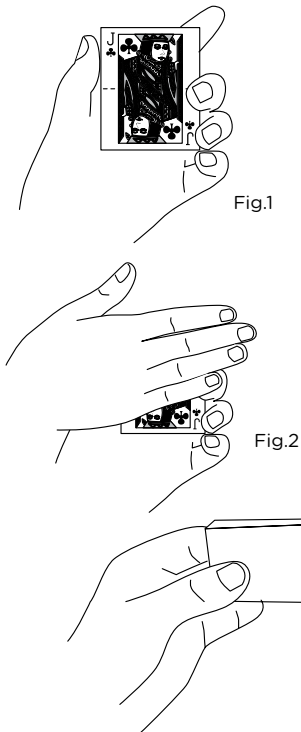
- Matchbox with playing card attached (included)

Preparation:

Unfold the matchbox card and keep it in your jacket pocket.

Presentation:

1. Take out the card from your pocket. Show it to the spectators with your left hand as illustrated (Fig. 1).
2. Pass your right hand over the card and with a flash change it to a matchbox (Fig. 2).



CIGARETTE UP THE NOSE

Trick:

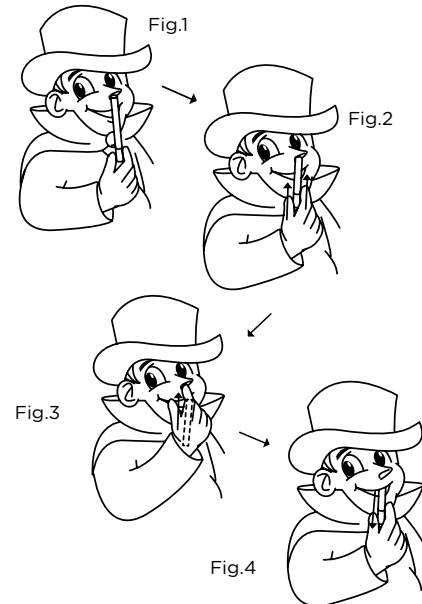
Slide the cigarette up your nose and it comes out of your mouth.

Props:

- Cigarette (not included)

Presentation:

1. Show a cigarette by holding the end with your fingers together and hold the cigarette near your nose (Fig. 1).
2. Slide your fingers over the cigarette until your fingers touch your nose (Fig. 2).
3. This gives the illusion that you have pushed the cigarette up your nose (Fig. 3).
4. Now hold the tips of your fingers up to your mouth and put the tip of the cigarette in your mouth. Slide your hand down to reveal the cigarette (Fig. 4).



MOUNT ETNA

Trick:

Tell a friend that you have been studying the effects of geothermal eruptions. Further, state that you can show the results of a volcanic eruption in the palm of their hand.

Props:

- Cigarette ash (not included)

Preparation:

Secretly stick some cigarette ash on your right second finger tip.

Presentation:

1. Tell your friend to hold their hand palm down. Now inform them it is not high enough and lightly touch the tip of your index finger (with the ash) under the palm of their hand as you are moving it up (Fig. 1).
2. Next, tell them to close their hand. Explain to them that you can make a volcanic eruption take place in their hand.
3. Sprinkle some ash over the person's closed hand (Fig. 2).
4. Have them open their hand. Much to their surprise, they will have ash in their hand (Fig. 3).

Fig. 1

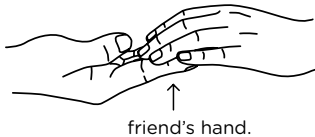


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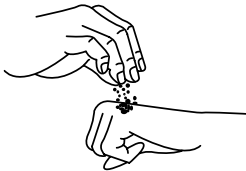


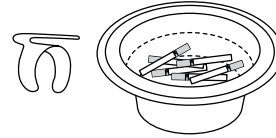
Fig.3



CIGARETTES FROM THIN AIR

Trick:

The magician shows both hands are empty. When they reach out, they pluck a cigarette from thin air. Then, they throw the cigarette into a hat and pluck another cigarette. It seems as if they are able to pluck unlimited cigarettes from thin air.

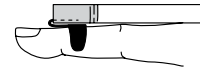


Props:

- Ring with spike (included)
- Hat and cigarettes (not included)

Preparation:

Place some cigarettes in the hat in front of you and place the hat on the table. Stick a cigarette to the spike and put the ring on your middle finger close to the end.



Presentation 1:

1. Show your hand with your palm facing the audience as shown (Fig. 1).
2. Pretend to catch something from thin air ensuring your palm is in full view. Make a fist to allow the cigarette to appear. Then pretend to place the cigarette into the hat. While removing your hand from the hat, keep your palm in full view (Fig. 2, 3, & 4).

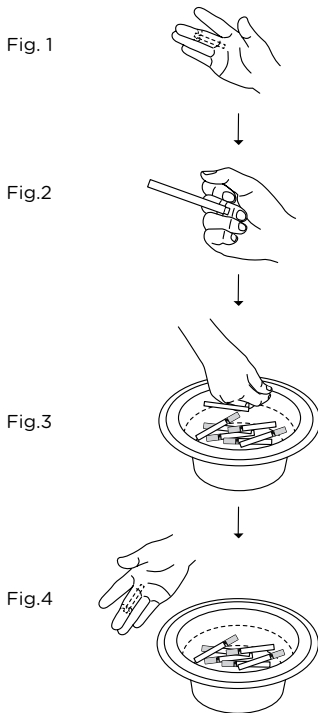
Note: Make sure to hide the back of your hand from the audience throughout the trick.

DISAPPEARING CIGARETTE

Presentation 2:

To improve this trick, put some cigarettes in your left jacket pocket. As you pluck a cigarette with your right hand reach your left hand into your pocket and palm a real cigarette. Pretend to take the plucked cigarette in your left hand. Make sure you open your right hand before pulling your left hand away and throw the real cigarette into the hat.

Note: you may need to practice this move for a while.

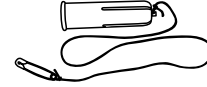


Trick:

The magician disappears a cigarette in his fist.

Props:

- Plastic tube with elastic string and safety pin (included).
- Cigarette (not included).

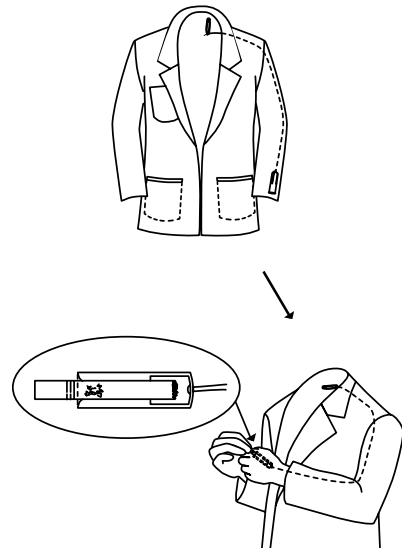


Preparation:

Fasten the safety pin to the inside of the collar of your jacket, thread the tube down your sleeve, and hold it in your palm.

Presentation:

1. Hold the tube in your hand while you are performing the cigarette up the nose trick.
2. Put the cigarette in the tube and let go of it, allowing the elastic string to pull back to the original position. It looks as if the cigarette has disappeared from your hand.



STUPID PUZZLE

Trick:

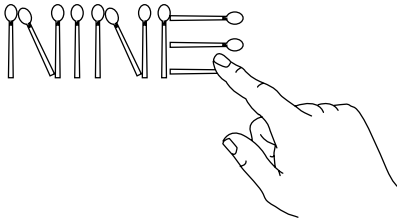
How do you turn eleven matches into nine?

Props:

11 wooden matches (not included)

Presentation:

Position the matches to spell out the word nine.



LONG OR SHORT ILLUSION

Trick:

One of two identical lines appears longer.

Props:

- Pencil (not included)
- Paper (not included)
- Ruler (not included)

Performance:

1. Draw two straight parallel lines on the paper, making sure they are exactly the same length approximately 2 inches long each. Position them about .75 in apart (Fig. 1).
2. Then draw angles as in the diagrams below on the ends of each line. You know the lines are the same length, but it will be hard to convince your friends because an optical illusion makes one appear shorter than the other (Fig. 2).

Fig. 1

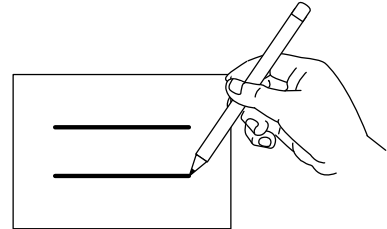
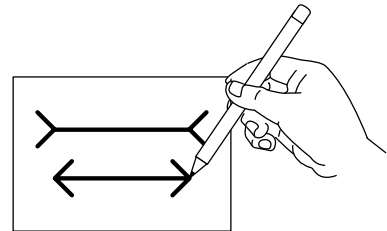


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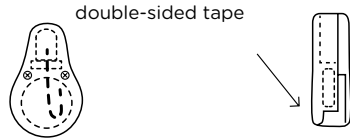




THUMB LIGHT TRICKS

Trick:

The magician shows both hands are empty. When they reach out, they pluck a bright light from thin air. Then they throw the light to the other hand.



Props:

- Two thumb lights (included)
- Double sided tape (not included)



Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Preparations:

Pull the plastic tape out of the lights to activate. Cut and stick small pieces of double sided tape to the thumb lights. Remove the paper on the double-sided tape of your thumb lights and stick them onto both of your thumbs. Adjust the position so that you can press the battery to switch on light easily and release your thumb and forefinger to switch it off. In the meantime, make sure the lights are covered by your thumbs when you show your hands.

Note: When performing, always keep your palms hidden from the audience. To get the best effect, you need to dim the lights or perform this trick in a darkened room.

Presentation 1: Catch A Falling Star

1. Start to tell the story that there are many stars around and you are going to catch some of them.
2. Show your hands, reach into the air, and pluck a star. Press down on your thumb and forefinger to turn on the light. Show it to the audience and place it into your pocket.

Presentation 2: Jumping Star

1. Pretend to catch another star and tell your audience that the star is struggling to fly away. At this moment, you release your thumb and forefinger to turn off the light and reach out the other hand to catch the star. Repeat the action and the star appears to jump from hand to hand.

Performance 3: Star Through Your Ears

1. When you catch a star again, pretend to push it into your ear and catch it with the other hand. It seems that the star has gone right through your skull.

Performance 4: Star From Nose

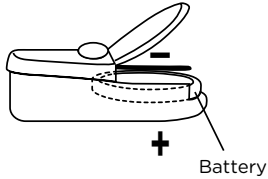
1. Finally, tell your audience that there are several stars on your face. Then pluck a star from your nose or catch it from your mouth.

Battery recommended:

CR 1220 3V

To replace the battery:

1. Using a screwdriver, carefully open the top cover of the case.
2. With the top cover fully unclipped, you can now gently lift the battery away from the case.
3. With the battery removed, you can see the power connectors (Do not remove the connectors).
4. Pop in the new battery into the case paying attention to orientation.
5. Put the screws back into the top cover and screw into place.



SUGAR SORcery

Trick:

Sugar poured into a handkerchief mysteriously vanishes!

Props:

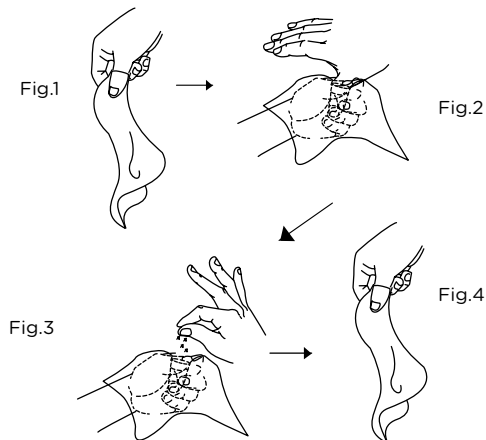
- Thumb tip (included)
- Handkerchief or tissue (not included)
- Sugar (not included)

Secret:

With the thumb tip you can make small items appear or disappear while both hands appear empty.

Presentation:

1. Place the thumb tip on your right thumb.
2. Take the handkerchief between your thumb and fingers with the thumb tip hidden behind the handkerchief (Fig. 1).
3. Make your left hand into a fist and place the handkerchief over it. With your right thumb make a hole in the handkerchief. As you do, leave the thumb tip behind (Fig. 2).
4. Pour some sugar into the hidden thumb tip (about $\frac{1}{4}$ full). Make your right thumb appear to push the sugar down. At this time, your thumb actually lifts the thumb tip and sugar away (Fig. 3).
5. Grip the corner of the handkerchief with your right hand and lift it away from your left hand revealing that the sugar has vanished. This way the handkerchief again hides the thumb tip (Fig. 4).



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SOLID SUGAR

Trick:

Loose sugar is poured into the magician's fist and changes into a solid cube.

Props:

- Thumb tip (included)
- Solid sugar cube (not included)
- Loose sugar (not included)

Presentation:

1. Place a sugar cube and the thumb tip into your left hand and pour loose sugar into the false thumb (Fig. 1).
2. Push it down with your right thumb explaining that you need to apply pressure to make a cube (Fig. 2).
3. Withdraw your right thumb with the thumb tip on it making sure your fingers hide it from the audience. Show the sugar cube in your left hand (Fig. 3)

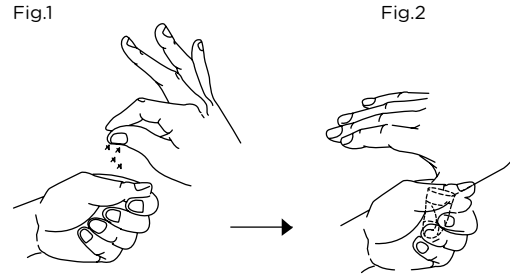
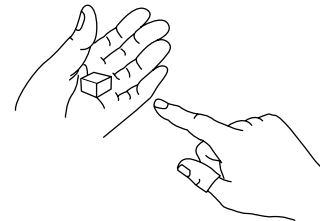


Fig.3



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THE FLOATING STRAW

Trick:

A straw appears to float freely in the air.

Props:

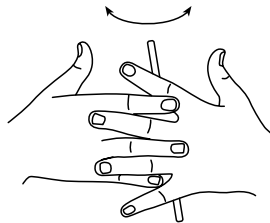
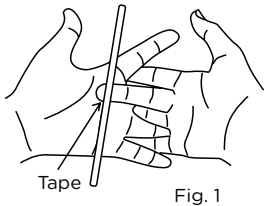
- Straw (included)
- Double sided tape (not included)

Preparation:

Stick a small piece of double tape on one of your middle fingers near the end.

Performance:

1. Place the straw on the table in front of you.
2. Pretend to concentrate on the straw and tell your audience that you are going to use your magic power to make the straw float.
3. Interlock your finger so that the fingers are on the same side as your palms.
4. Then lower your hands over the straw and let it stick to your middle finger with the piece of tape on it (Fig. 1).
5. Raise your hands, keeping the back of your hands towards the audience, and slowly move the straw around (Fig. 2).
6. The straw looks as if it is floating and moving freely in the air.



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Fig. 2

THE MAGIC STRAW PYRAMID

Trick:

Lift a pyramid of straws using a single, separate straw!

Props:

- Four plastic straws (included)

Performance:

1. Connect two of the straws by inserting the end of one into the end of the other. Bend these two straws so that they form the 'V' shape of the pyramid (Fig. 1).
2. Lean a straw against the 'V' so that the pyramid stands upright (Fig. 2).
3. Tell the audience that you will now lift the pyramid from the table even though the third leg isn't even attached to the other two!
4. Slide the fourth straw under the third - the straw that is leaning against the 'V' formed by the connected straws - and gently push against the connected v-shaped straws. The freestanding straw will fall onto the fourth straw (Fig. 3).
5. Guide the freestanding straw under the crest of the v-shaped straws. The freestanding straw is now held in place by the fourth straw and you can lift the pyramid! (Fig. 4-6)

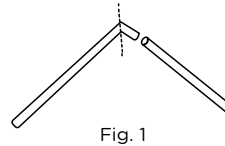


Fig. 1

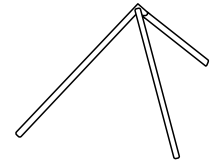


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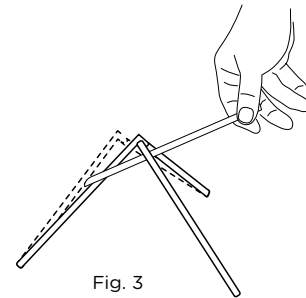


Fig. 3

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Fig. 4

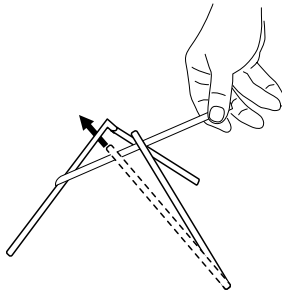


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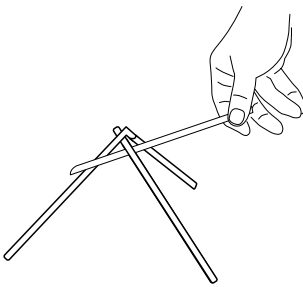


Fig. 6

