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Tricks

ROPE CUTTER

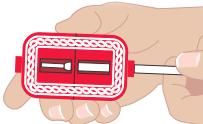
THE TRICK A rope is cut in two, then restored!

THE SECRET The rope cutter has two hidden pieces of rope inside.

Props Rope, Rope Cutter

Prep Remove rope from cutter.

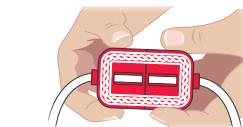
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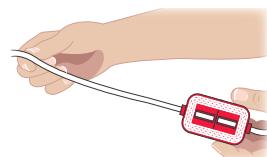
1. Hold the rope cutter so the windows face the audience. Slide the rope into the rope cutter until the ends hang out both sides.



3. Keeping the windows facing the audience, quickly push the right side of the cutter down. Show the audience the "cut" ends. Do not pull on the rope.



2. Pull the rope back and forth so the audience can see it is one piece.



4. Quickly slide the pieces back together. Pull the rope out of the rope cutter to show it has been restored to one piece!

Helpful Hint

- Slide the rope cutter in one quick motion.

MAGICAL WAND

THE TRICK A magic wand shrinks, then grows to full size again!

THE SECRET The wand tips slide as you hide or reveal the shaft of the wand behind your arm.

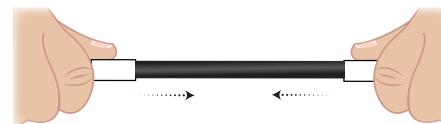
Props Wand with Sliding Tips

Prep Start with the tips of the wand flush to both ends.

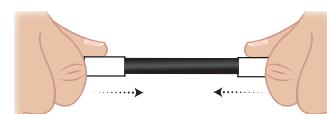
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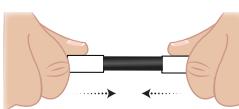
1. Hold the white tips of the wand with your fingers but do not completely cover the tips.



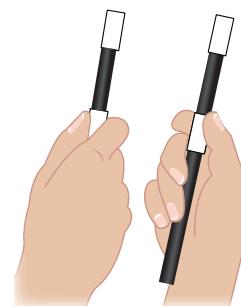
2. Hold the left tip firmly in place at the end of the wand. Slowly begin pushing the right tip toward the left one.



3. Let the wand shaft slide into the palm of your right hand as you push the tips closer together. Hold your arms horizontally so that the wand shaft can slide along your arm but remain hidden from the audience.



4. Push until the tips are just an inch or two apart.



5. Keeping the long end of the wand hidden behind your right arm, hold the tiny wand up for the audience to see it has shrunk!



6. Hold both tips again and pull apart to restore the wand to its full length.

Helpful Hint

- Beginners may want to try doing this trick while wearing loose long sleeves, which can more easily hide the shaft of the wand.

KING TO QUEEN

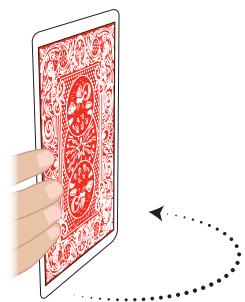
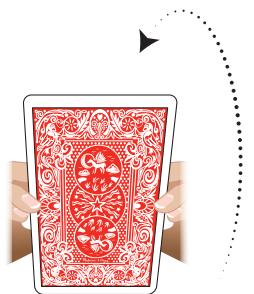
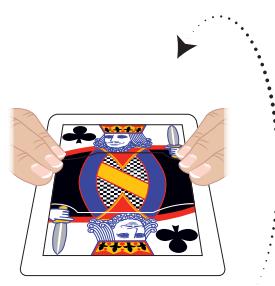
THE TRICK A playing card changes from King of Clubs to Queen of Hearts!

THE SECRET A card slides within frame to change picture.

Props Sliding King/Queen Card

Prep Position the framed card so the King picture is showing and the moving piece is at the bottom.

Perform



1. Hold the card with both hands as shown with the King facing the audience and the red side facing you.

2. Flip the card upside down (end over end) . . .

3. . . . so the red side is facing the audience.

4. The card slides so you are now looking at the Queen!

5. Keeping the card upright, rotate it . . .

6. . . . so the picture of the Queen faces the audience!

Helpful Hints

- Be sure you are far enough away from your audience so they do not notice the depth of the card.
- The card may make some noise as it slides from the King picture to the Queen picture. To cover this, be sure to talk to your audience as

you flip the card upside down so they hear your voice instead of the card. You may also squeeze the center of the card as you flip it, holding the sliding piece in place until it is facing you; then slowly and quietly lower the piece to prevent it from clicking as it reaches the bottom of the frame.

ZIG-ZAG NUMBERS



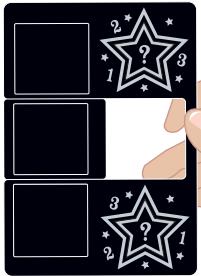
THE TRICK Numbered cards are mysteriously transformed in the slicing zig-zag frame!

THE SECRET A hidden panel reveals the numbers 1 and 3 when zig-zag frame slides.

Props Zig-Zag Frame, 4 Double-Sided Cards

Prep Start with empty zig-zag frame so all panels are blank.

Perform



1. Hold frame as shown so the audience sees three blank squares in a row.



2. Insert one of the cards into the slot at the top of the frame. Be sure card slides all the way to the bottom of the frame.



3. Hold the center panel and explain the trick you are about to perform (see below).
4. Quickly slide the center panel to "slice" and transform the card!



5. Quickly slide panel back into place to restore the card. Remove card and repeat with another!

Zig-Zag Tricks (cards are labeled):

- **Slice the Card** Card is sliced in the middle, then restored.
- **Number Clean-up** Lopsided numbers straighten out.
- **Color Switch** Background colors change.
- **Word to Number** "One" and "Three" change to "1" and "3".

- **Reverse Order** 3-2-1 becomes 1-2-3.
- **Counting Rabbits** Numbers count the rabbits.
- **One, Two and ...** The number 3 is revealed!
- **Purple Pop** What colors combine to make purple (2)? Slide to show—blue (1) and red (3).

COLOR-CHANGING SILK

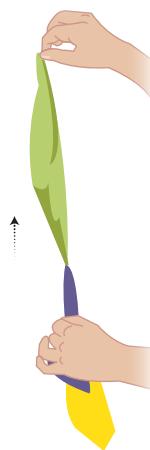
THE TRICK Two silk scarves change color!

THE SECRET Four scarves are tied together in a way that hides two at a time.

Props 4-in-1 Tied Silk Scarf

Prep Adjust silk scarf so that only two colors (yellow and red or purple and green) are showing. Pull the very tip of one of the hidden scarves out of the attached ring. Do not let the audience see the ring or the small piece sticking out.

Perform



1. Hold the scarf by the ring in your left hand, covering the tip of the hidden scarf with your thumb.

2. Hold the scarf so two colors hang straight down.

3. With your right hand, pull the tip of the hidden scarf straight up.

4. Be sure to keep tight hold of the ring in your left hand as you continue to pull up.

5. When both hidden scarves are revealed, wave it with your left hand for the audience to see!

Helpful Hint

- Practice this trick alone to get the hang of smoothly pulling the scarves from one set of colors to another.

LONG & SHORT CARD ILLUSION

THE TRICK Cards change size right before your eyes!

THE SECRET It's an optical illusion—cards are the same length but the top card will always appear to be shorter.

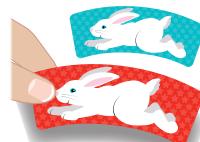
Props Two Curved Doubled-Sided Cards (rabbits and snakes)

Prep Decide if you want to use rabbits or snakes.

Perform



1. Place the cards on a hard surface. Ask an audience member to tell you which card is shorter. (They will choose the top one.)



2. Pick up the top card and ask if they are sure ("This one is the shorter card?").



3. Say some magic words and pretend to "stretch" the card.

4. Replace the card underneath the one that remains on the table as shown. The card now appears to be the longer one!

Helpful Hint

- Do not allow the audience to see the cards stacked on top of each other.

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magic show!

TRY USING THESE "TRICKS" OF THE TRADE

★ **Practice, practice, practice!** The more you do these tricks on your own, the easier it will be to fool your audience. It's especially helpful to practice in front of a mirror!

★ **Talk and move!** Engage and distract your audience with clever chatter and lots of gestures and movements. (For example: "Behold! I will use my amazing magical powers to instantly turn this King of Spades into the Queen of Hearts [wave card dramatically]! Abracadabra and Alakazam [spin around as you flip the card]! Change this card that's in my hand!")

★ **Use lots of magic words!** Hocus-Pocus! Presto-Change-o! Ta-Da! Bingo, Bango, Bongo! Make up your own magic words—the sillier the better!

★ **Dress the part!** Transform yourself by adding a cape, a top hat or turban, and some colorful clothes. Come up with a stage name (Mr. Magic! Madame Mysterium!) and change your voice. Set up a table and decorate your performance area with tablecloths and signs.

AGES 4 +

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