

Make Your Own Magic

Magic Tricks and Activities You Create



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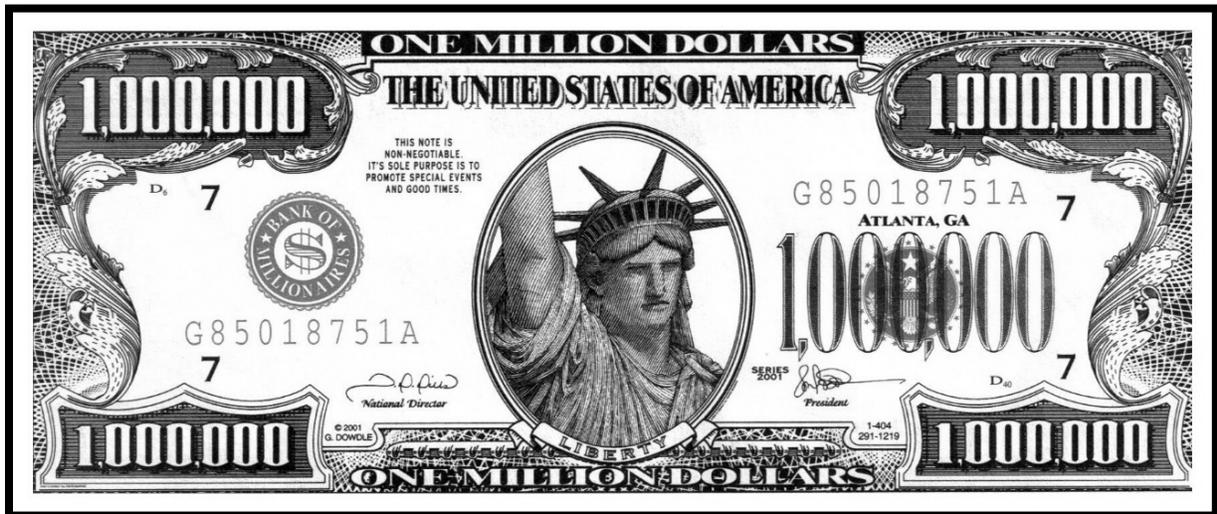
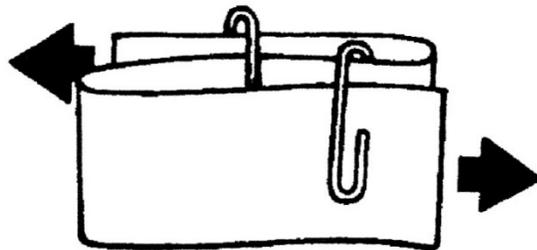
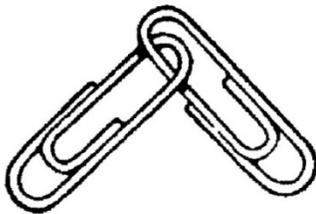
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Million Dollar Bill

Effect: Two paper clips link together without you touching them.

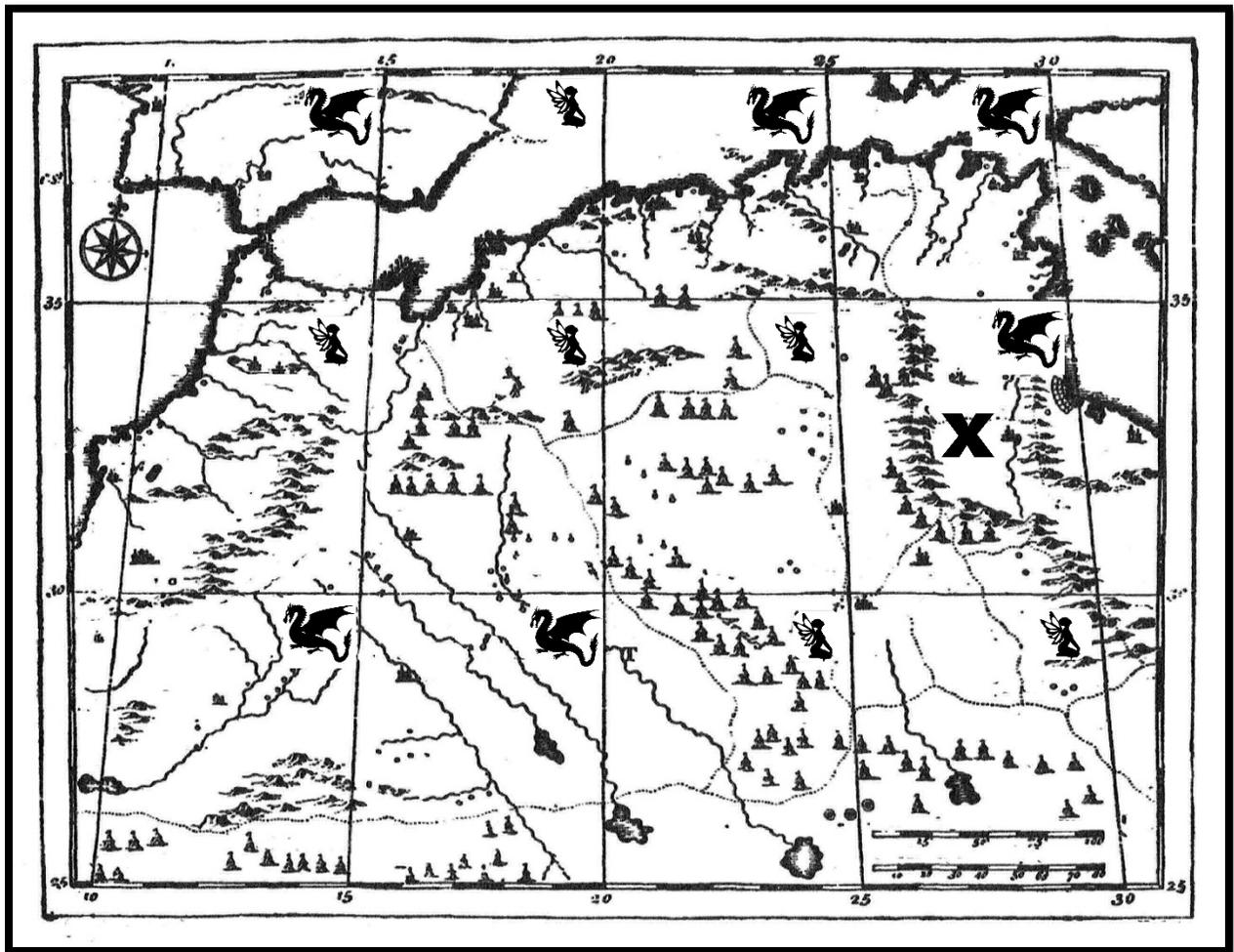
Secret: You need two paper clips and a million dollar bill. Take the million dollar bill off this book. Fold over one-third of the bill and place a clip over the top of the doubled thickness. Fold the other end of the bill in the opposite direction to the first and place the second clip over the two thicknesses of bill just formed. The position should now be as shown. Pull sharply on each end of the bill and the clips will leap off into the air and link themselves together.



Enchanted Forest Treasure Map

Effect: Find the treasure in five moves every time.

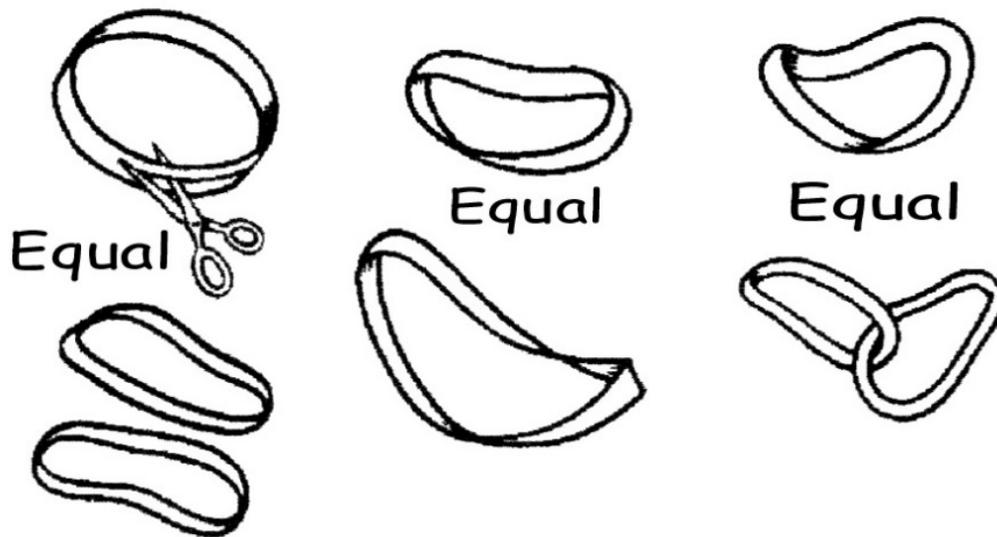
Secret: 1. Start at a square with a dragon. 2. Move to the right or the left to the nearest square with a fairy. 3. Move up or down to the nearest square with a dragon. 4. Move diagonally to the square with the nearest fairy. 5. Move right or left to the nearest square with a dragon.



Baffling Bands

Effect: Three loops of paper are cut with surprising results.

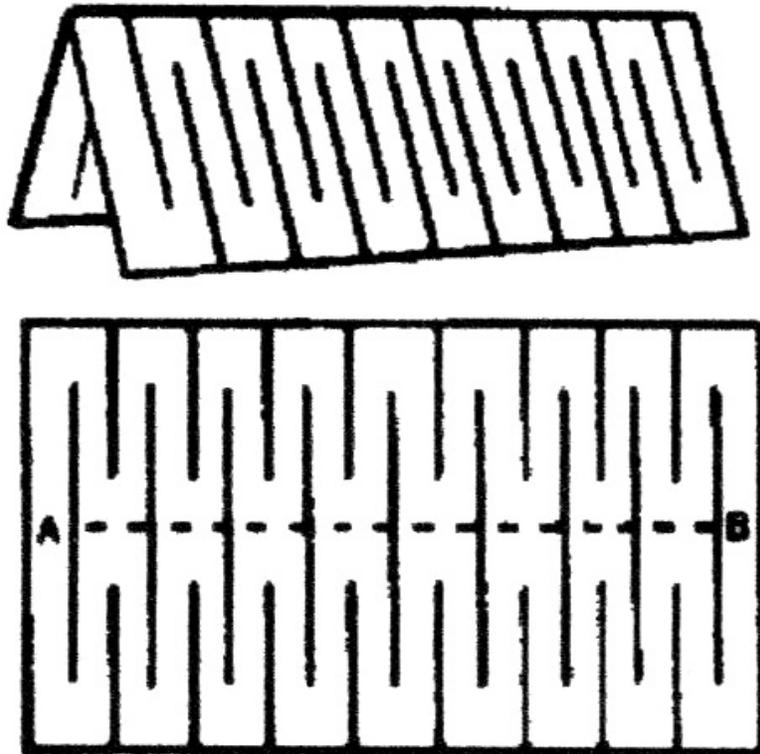
Secret: You need three strips of paper. Glue the ends of the first strip together to form a loop. Do the same with the second strip but give one end a half turn before gluing the ends. In making the third loop give the paper one complete turn before gluing. Cut down the center of the first loop with a pair of scissors. This will make two loops as one would expect. When the second loop is cut in the same way it forms one extra-large loop and the third one produces two loops linked together.



Walking Through Paper

Effect: A paper is cut so it will go over your body.

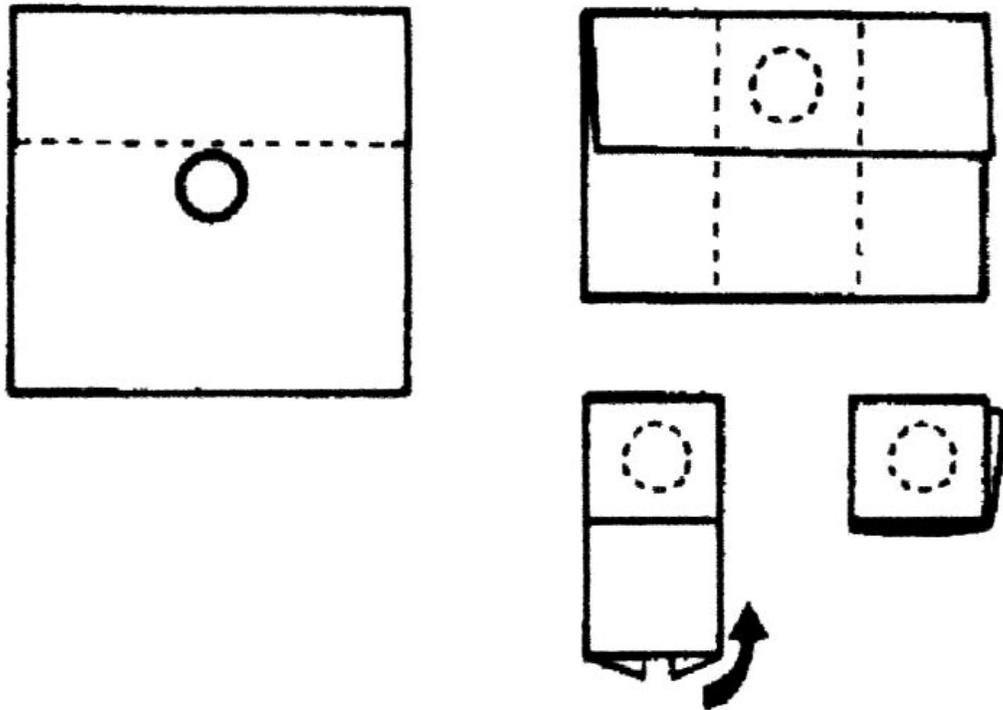
Secret: Boast that you can walk through a piece of paper then make the following moves. Fold the paper in half lengthways. Make as many cuts as possible from the edge of the paper to the center and from the center towards the edges as shown. The more cuts you make the easier the trick is to do. Unfold the paper and cut along the center, from A to B. You can now open out the paper into a large loop that will easily go over your body.



Vanishing Coin

Effect: A coin is wrapped in paper. You then tear up the paper - the coin has disappeared!

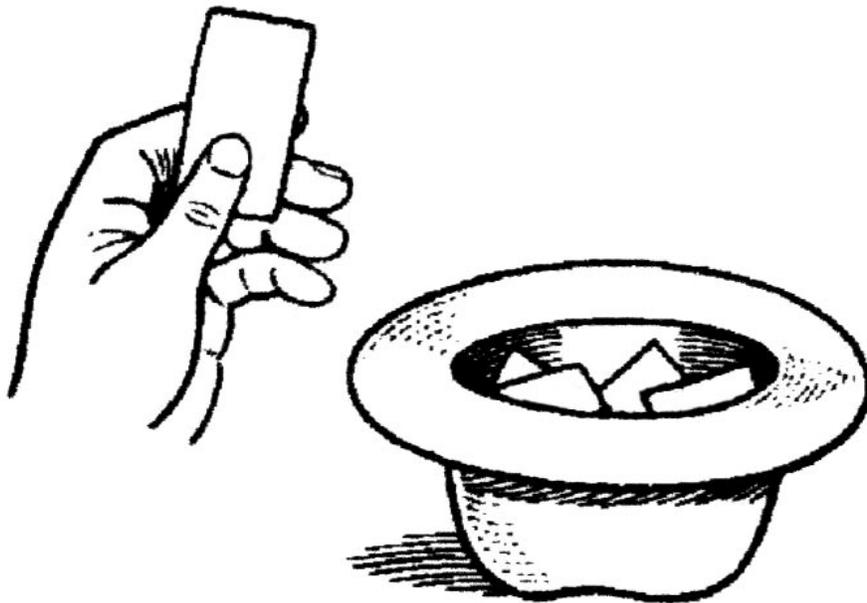
Secret: Place the coin on the paper, just above the center. Fold the top portion of paper down over the coin. Fold the right side of the paper around to the back. Do the same with the left side. Lastly, fold the bottom portion back. This procedure leaves the bottom edge of the packet open. Hold the paper in your hand and allow the coin to slip secretly into your hand. Tear up the paper and the coin seems to have vanished.



Flower Prediction

Effect: A prediction is made and someone names a flower or flowers. Then the magician shows that the predictions match

Secret: This trick uses a “one ahead” principle. The magician writes the word “rose” on a slip of paper and drops it in a hat. A volunteer is asked to name the first long stemmed flower that pops into their head. If they say “rose”, the prediction is shown and the trick is over. If they name another flower, write the name of that flower on a slip and drop it in the hat. Just keep doing this until someone says “rose”. If “rose” isn’t named right away, it will be named soon.



Math Magic

Effect: You predict the total of a sum.

Secret: Write 1089 on a piece of paper, fold it and place it on your table. Ask someone to choose any three-digit number. All three digits must be different and the first must be higher than the last. Get them to reverse the whole number and write that underneath the first. If, for example, he chose 983 he now writes 389. The lower number is then subtracted from the other. The answer (which, in this example, is 594) is then reversed and this time the two are added together. Open the paper - your prediction is the same as the spectator's total. In fact, if the calculations are done correctly, the answer is always 1089!

$\begin{array}{r} 983 \\ - 389 \\ \hline = 594 \\ + 495 \\ \hline = 1089 \end{array}$	\leftarrow Any number
	\leftarrow Reversed
	\leftarrow Subtracted total
	\leftarrow Reversed
	\leftarrow Added total

The total matches
your prediction!

Pinwheel

Take a square piece of paper about four inches square and make four cuts from corners to center as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 1.

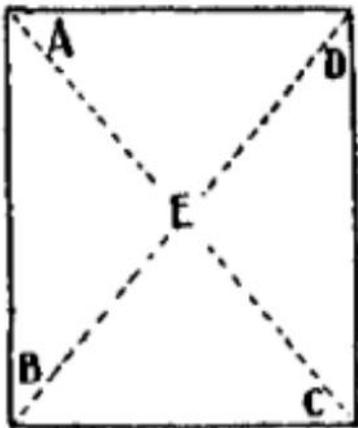


Fig. 1

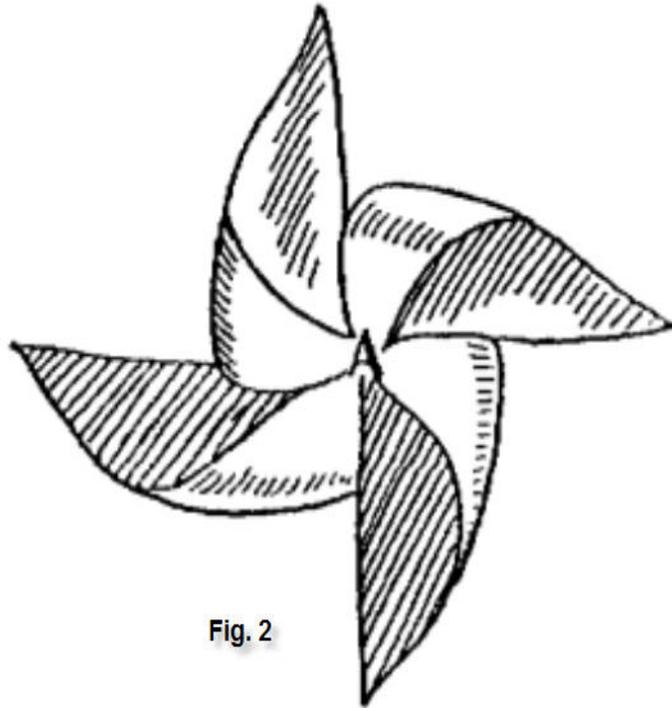
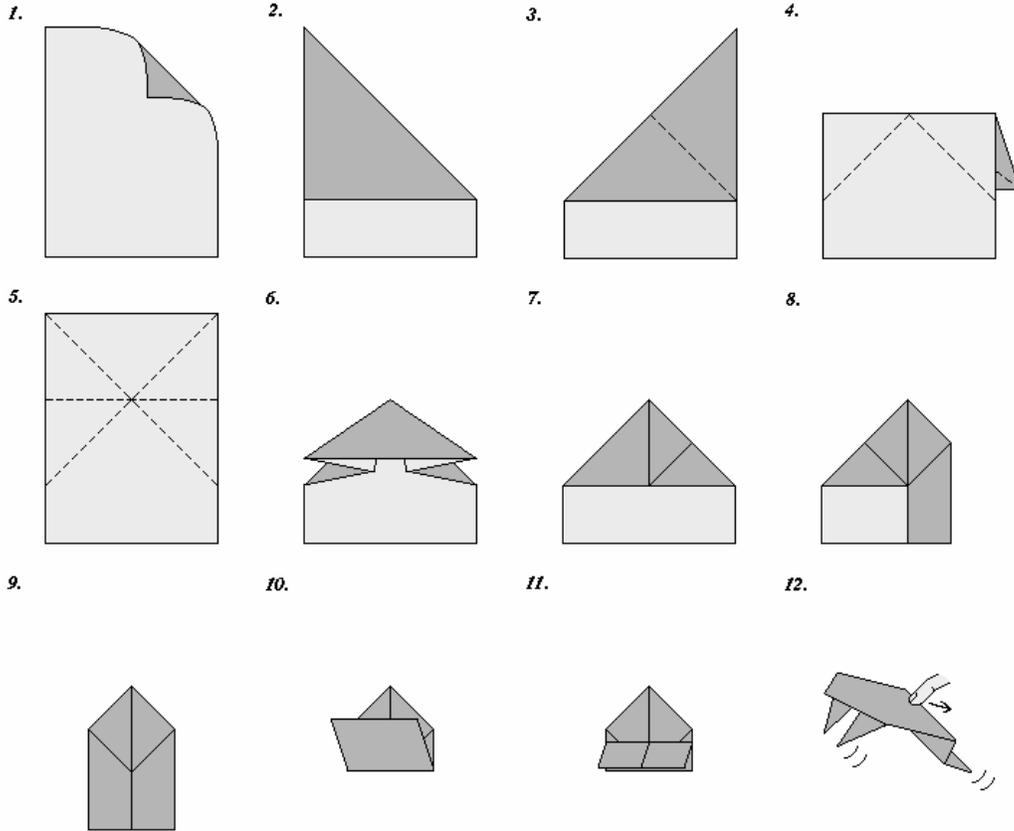


Fig. 2

Now take the corners of Fig 1, lettered A, B, C, and D, and bring them alternately over to the center, when Fig. 2 will be formed. All that is now required is to fix a pin through the center point A, of Fig 2 to a pencil's eraser, and the windmill is made. When you blow on the pinwheel it will spin and it will look even prettier if you color it.

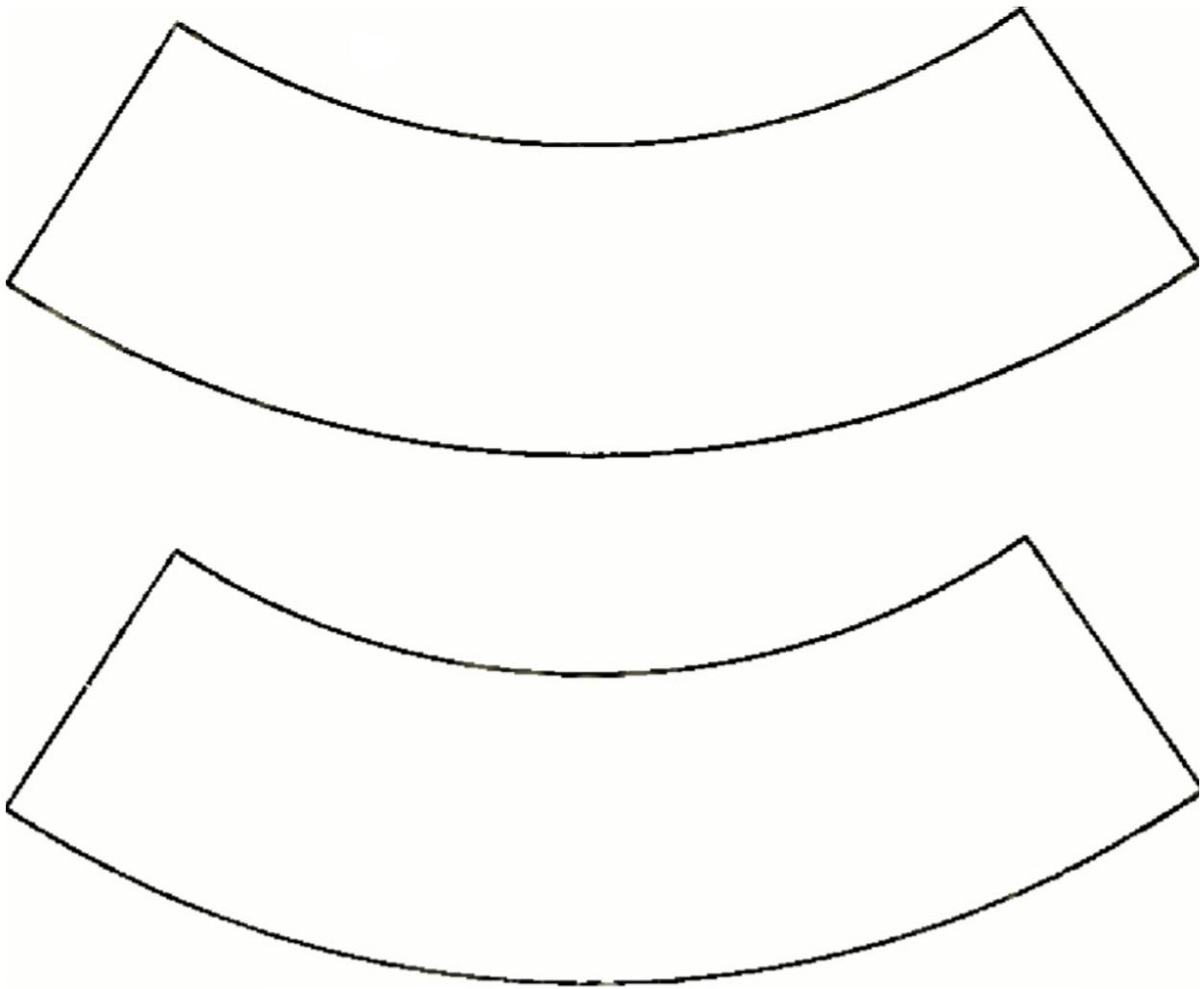
Origami Frog

Take a piece of printer paper, fold it accordingly, and you'll have a hopping frog.



Arch Trick

Just take a piece of paper and fold it in half, then cut a rainbow shape like you see below. Your arch/rainbow shape can be even skinnier than this picture. As you hold them together, it'll look like the one that is above the other one is much smaller, when in fact they are the exact same size!



Paper Helicopter

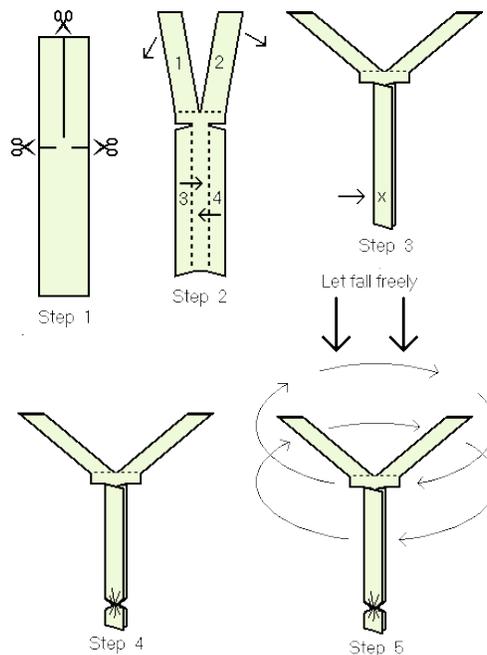
Take a strip of paper about 2 inches wide by 5 inches long. (Step 1).

Cut along the continuous lines, as shown by the scissors symbol. One cut along the middle of the strip lengthwise about $\frac{2}{5}$ ths down, two more cuts slightly higher than midway and each $\frac{1}{3}$ rd. the width of the strip. (Step 2).

Make folds along the dotted lines, and first bend flaps 1 and 2: one forward and one backward, but both flaps bent upwards (if they point lower than the horizontal, it will not work!). Fold the two lower flaps 3 and 4 over each other. (Step 3).

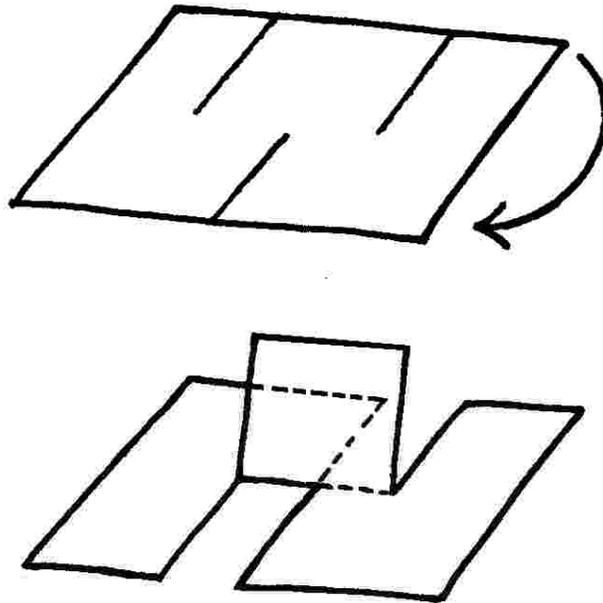
Twist the lower end of the stem at point "x". (Step 4).

Raise this well above your head and let fall freely. It will straighten itself and glide down, whirling like a helicopter propeller. (Step 5).



Impossible Paper Trick

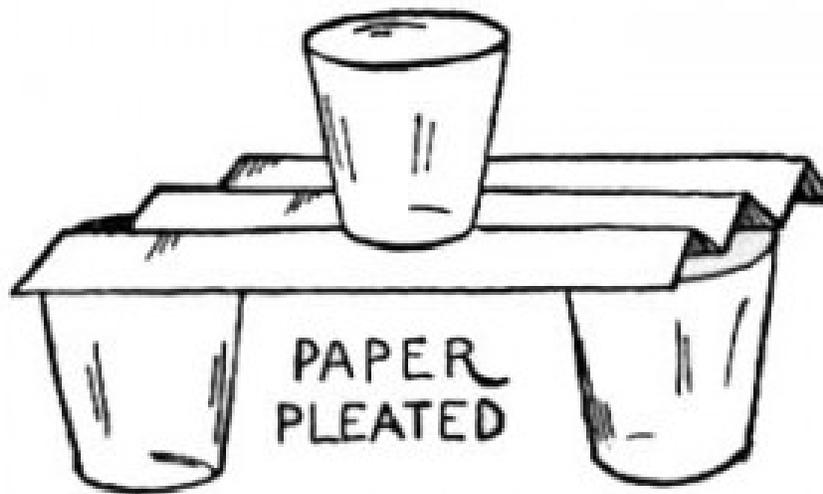
(Do not show the audience this preparation) Start with a paper rectangle, any size, 9" x 6" is fine. Make two right-angle cuts to the **exact** center on one long side, at 3" and 6". Make one right-angle cut to the **exact** center on the other long side at 4.5". Lay the sheet flat, fold over the central flap making a neat hinge and fold it back. Lift the sheet by the two short sides, with the flap away from you, and twist one of the L-shaped ends 180 degrees (half a full turn). Lay the sheet flat again, and fold the flap down both ways to create a hinge. The flap should now be erect, with half of the cut-away on each side - which looks like an impossible construction. This is what you show your audience. Ask them to explain it.



Paper Bridge

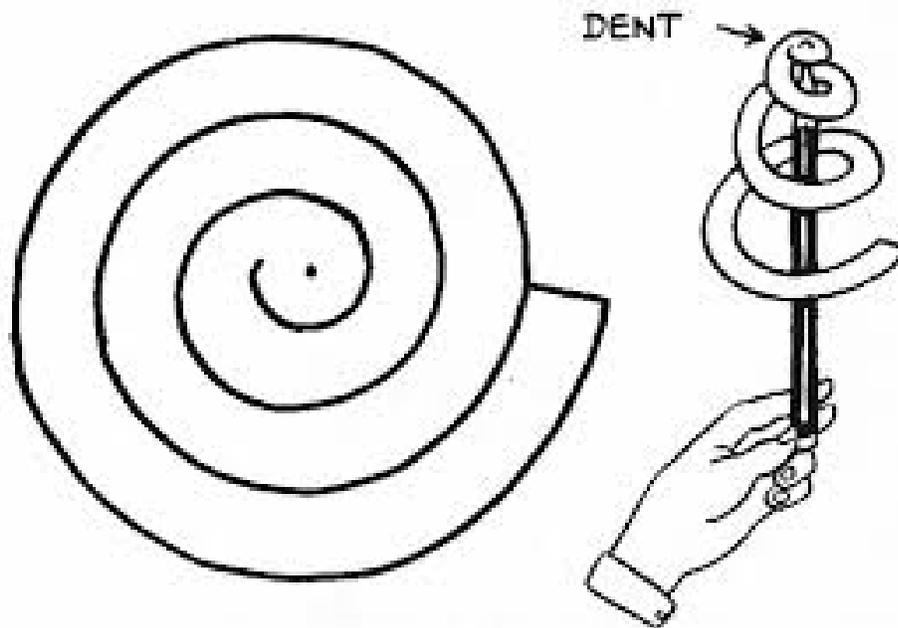
Effect: Make a sturdy bridge out of a piece of paper.

Secret: Take a sheet of note paper and stretch it between two glasses, so that it forms a sort of bridge. Ask anyone to set another glass on the bridge; the paper will not support the additional weight. The trick is to make the paper bear that weight. The solution of the problem is to pleat the paper lengthways so it will hold the weight of the third glass.



Paper Spiral

Cut out a spiral like the one below very carefully with a pair of scissors. Then make a small dent in the paper so that it will not slip off the point of your pencil. Balance it on the pencil as shown in the drawing.



Pick a Number

Effect: A volunteer thinks of a number and you can tell what number they are thinking of.

Secret: Cut out the cards below. Have a volunteer think of a number. Have the volunteer point to the cards that their number is on. Secretly add the numbers on the top right of the cards the volunteer pointed to. That will be the chosen number.

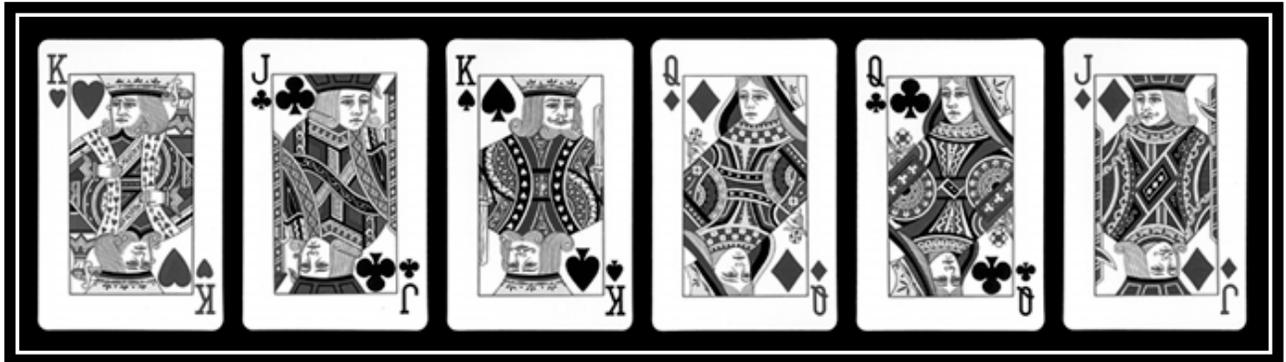
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Pick a Card

Effect: A volunteer picks a card and it matches a prediction.

Secret: Cut out the picture below, as one big picture, keeping the cards connected together. Write "King of Spades" on a paper as a prediction. Have the volunteer name a number between one and six and spell or count the cards to get to the King of Spades. See Chart Below. You can also use real cards if you like.

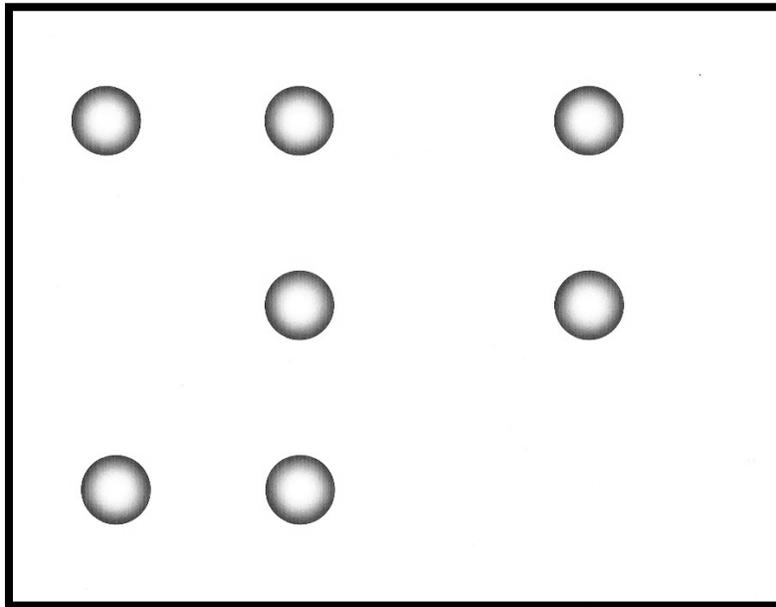
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Magic Domino

The Effect: You show a card with a single dot in the center. The card resembles a domino. When you flip the card over there are 4 dots on the reverse side. You flip the card back to the first side; but now instead of a single dot - there are THREE dots. You flip the card again and four dots have become SIX! You can flip the card a few more times and with each flip the number of dots changes.

The Secret: Cut out the picture. Fold it in half so you can see two dots on one side and five on the other. Tape the sides together. To perform, place your fingers over the bottom spot on the side that has two dots. Show the card and say *"One spot here."* Place your other hand over middle spot, on the other side, as you flip the card over (from left to right) and say *"Four spots here."* Flip the card over again (this time bottom to top); but this time cover the empty space say *"Three spots here."* Flip again covering the space (left to right) to show six spots. Say *"Now there are six spots."* You may repeat the entire sequence, if you wish.



A B C Magic

Effect: A prediction is made from randomly chosen letters.

The Secret: Take a piece of paper and fold it until you have eight sections. Unfold the paper and write each letter in the alphabet in each section as shown below. Have a volunteer fold the paper back along the creases. They can fold it back any way they like. Then have the volunteer trim the edges off the paper so they have eight pieces of paper with a letter on each one. Have the volunteer separate the face up letters and the face down letters. Ask the volunteer to create a word using all the face up letters. If this is impossible, have them use the face down letters. If they use all the letters in one group to spell a word it will be "CAGE".

A B C D

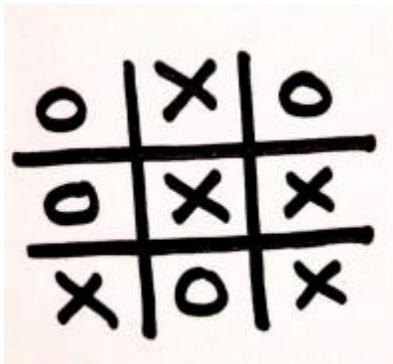
H G F E

Tic Tac Toe

Effect: You offer to play a game of tic tac toe, where, you will predict the exact placement of each X and O. Your participant will have complete freedom of choice in their moves, and yet, in the end when you reveal your prediction it is exactly the same as the game you just played!

The Secret: Draw up your prediction as shown in and fold it or seal it in an envelope. Upon suggesting the game offer it up and set it aside where all can see it. As you prepare your player and audience tell them that like any game of tic tac toe to win you must get three in a row. So the player must play to win and prevent you from winning. Then draw the first X in the center square.

The player then marks an O in any square. And here is the secret! There are only really two possibilities. The player will either mark a corner or an inner square. If they mark their first O in a corner, you must mark your next X to the next open clockwise square. If the player marks an O in an inner square, all of your Xs will be placed in the first open square in the counter-clockwise direction. The player will always have freedom of choice, and the finished game will always match your prediction.



Buddha Paper

Effect: The 'folding papers' change dollars to quarters. Change coins to postage stamps. Used to produce, vanish, or change any small object. A dollar bill is folded inside four sheets of paper. When the sheets are opened, the bill has changed into a \$100 Bill, coins or anything similar in size! A very versatile effect that's very easy to do.

Secret: Take two pieces of paper and fold the sides in to make a little envelope. Then glue the two "envelopes" together back to back. Put a coin in one side and a bill in the other. Secretly, turn the packet over to make the switch. You can add layers of papers for misdirection.

