

Magic



Magic, illusion, and sleight of hand is a great way to get comfortable onstage! Learn some simple magic tricks, then wow your friends with a performance!

The Disappearing Toy

What You Need:

- A paper cup
- Two small beads, balls, toys, or other identical objects

What You Do:

1. Take your cup and cut a small hole in the bottom. Make sure the hole is big enough for your item to easily fit through, but not any bigger than it needs to be. Place one of your items in your pocket and use one for your performance.
2. Hold the cup from the bottom, with your hand covering the hole.
3. Put your item in the cup. The item should fall through the hole so that it ends up in your hand.
4. Put your cup on the table. The item has vanished!
5. For the big finish, take the other item out of your pocket. Look surprised – the audience thinks the item in the cup magically made its way to your pocket!

Easy Card Trick

What You Need:

- A deck of cards

What You Do:

1. Before the show, divide the deck of cards into two stacks: one of red cards and one of black cards. Place one stack on top of the other. Remember which one you put on top! Have a friend pick one card from the top. Then have her put the card near the bottom of the deck.
2. Split the deck in the middle (it doesn't have to be the exact middle) and move the bottom half onto the top of your deck.
3. Look through the deck to find your friend's card. The color of the card that he chose should be the only one between the other colored cards.

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Clear "Juice"!

What You Need:

- Two empty cups
- Red food coloring
- Water
- Bleach

What You Do:

1. Get an adult to help you set up this trick. Whatever you do, **DON'T DRINK ANY LIQUID USED IN THIS TRICK.** You will be using bleach, which is poisonous when swallowed!
2. Before you perform, have an adult put tiny bit of bleach in an empty cup. Fill the other cup with water and a few drops of food coloring.
3. Tell your audience you will turn a cup of juice clear. Depending on the color you've chosen, pick a type of juice. If it's red, tell your audience it's cranberry juice. If it's purple, grape juice. Orange, orange soda, etc.
4. Pour the colored water into the "empty" glass. Wow! The secret ingredient (bleach) turned your "juice" clear.

