

17 EASY MAGIC TRICKS

A black and white photograph of various magic props arranged on a dark, reflective surface. In the foreground, several white dice are scattered, some showing black pips and one showing red pips. A small, white, fuzzy ball sits near the center. To the left, a metal cup is tipped over, and another stands upright to the right. A metal spring is visible in the upper right and lower right corners. The lighting creates strong highlights and reflections on the objects and the surface.

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FOREWORD

Hi and welcome to this free book on 17 cool magic tricks!

If you haven't watched the tricks on-line, then please make a point of visiting www.wolfgangriebe.com to see more!

I have been doing magic for over 30 years, travelled the world and appeared in over 150 countries doing what most people consider to be a hobby - magic tricks. Yes it started out as a hobby and grew from there. Back then it was nearly impossible to find out how to perform magic tricks. If you were lucky the public library maybe had a book on beginner's tricks, but that was it. The instructions were complex and you really needed a passion and dedication to make head or tail of any of the explanations in books.

Today with technology and Internet video streaming, a whole new world has opened up. For me, magic has been an incredible profession and I have truly lived my dreams. Hence you can also watch my [Easy Magic Tricks](#) video by clicking [here](#) and see many of these tricks demonstrated and explained live - plus more videos!

Furthermore, by offering these initial free tricks and even this E-Book, I feel I am giving so many more people the chance to experience this amazing art form, and to really see if it is something you would like to continue doing.

With magical wishes
Wolfgang Riebe



THE FLOATING ORANGE

THE TRICK:

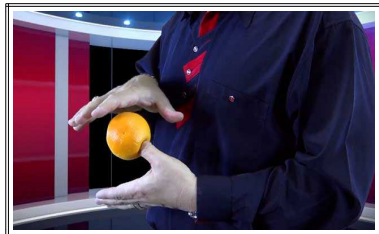
The title says it all... you pick up an orange and levitate it between your hands!

THE SECRET:

The photo below explains it all. You simply make a hole in the back of the orange. This hole always faces the back. You pick it up and place it on the open palm of your left hand (hole facing the back) and put your right hand over the orange.

At the same time you slip the right thumb into the hole at the back. Now slowly lift up the right hand and the spectator sees the orange lifting up off the palm of the left hand - as if it is levitating. You can play with various hand movements and angles in the mirror. By moving your right thumb on it's own, the orange also appears to levitate independently from your hands.

It's as easy as that!





ANTI GRAVITY RING

THE TRICK:

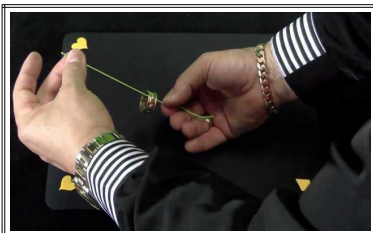
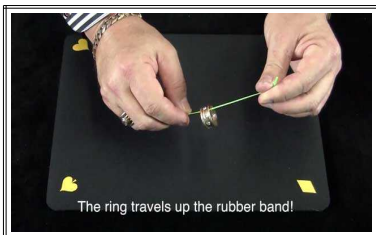
You hang a ring on an elastic held between two fingers, and the ring mysteriously travels up the rubber band on it's own!

THE SECRET:

Break a rubber band in two, hand a ring on the one end and stretch the elastic between your fingers. Hold the left hand higher up than the right, so that the ring is hanging at the bottom of the rubber band near the right hand.

When you stretch the elastic between your hands, the right hand keeps half the length of the rubber band and then slowly releases the pressure between the thumb and index finger that is holding the elastic. This then releases the remaining rubber band and moves the ring in an upward movement, giving the impression that it is mysteriously moving on it's own. You should do this slowly so that no one becomes aware of the movement of the rubber band.

It's as easy as that!





VANISHING EARBUD

THE TRICK:

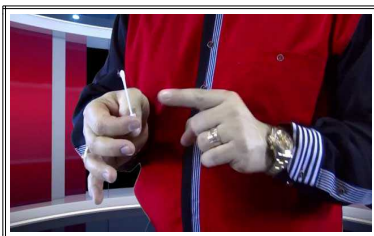
The magician shows an earbud in his hands that instantly disappears.

THE SECRET:

You need some double-sided scotch tape and an earbud. Stick a small piece of scotch tape onto your right thumb nail. When you show the earbud initially, you don't hold it between your right thumb and index finger, you stick the bottom onto your thumbnail and cover this with your index finger as in the photo.

Show the earbud and simply remove your index finger, at the same time straightening your thumb. The earbud now 'disappears' behind your thumb when you hold your hands open towards the audience.

Practice the movement and your timing and you will be amazed at the reaction you get to this trick.





VANISHING WATER

THE TRICK:

The magician pours water into a paper bag, and when the bag is turned around, the water has vanished!

THE SECRET:

This is without a doubt the easiest trick in history - and yet very baffling. I have fooled thousands of people in my seminars using this as a gag opening. The secret is that you have a baby nappy inside the bag.

Simply get a small paper gift bag into which you can conceal a nappy. Start with the bag laying flat on the table, pick it up, open it and pour water into the bag - but actually into the open nappy inside the bag.

When you turn it all over, nothing will come out, as the nappy will have absorbed all the water!





LINKING & UNLINKING MATCHES

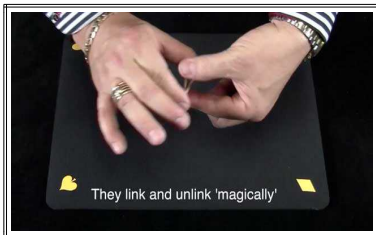
THE TRICK:

You hold a match between your thumb and forefinger in both hands. You simply push the matches magically through each other so that they become linked and again unlinked. An incredible visual illusion!

THE SECRET:

Get two matches and hold each between your thumb and index finger of both hands, as per photo 1 below. Press your fingers together so that the matches stick into your finger. If you separate the thumb and index finger of the right hand, you will see that the match actually sticks to your index finger without falling off. And that's the secret!

Practice bringing your fingers (and matches) together and apart! Start slowly and every time (obviously) lift the right match over the left one and then close the fingers again. Once you can do it fast, you will notice that no one notices the 'move' and it looks like an incredible illusion!





VANISHING COIN

THE TRICK:

The magician makes a coin vanish in his hands.

THE SECRET:

This move is called the 'French Drop' and is a basic sleight of hand movement amongst magicians. Hold a large coin in the left hand (palm up) between your left thumb and index finger as in the photo. Now take the coin with your right hand, with your right fingers curling over the coin.

Do the a few times until you get the 'feeling' and the 'movement'. Once this feels natural, do the exact same movement, except this time do not take the coin, but let it drop into the left palm as your right fingers appear to curl around it to take it out of the left hand. The 2nd photo shows the move clearly. Everyone thinks the coin is in your right hand; meanwhile it's still hidden in the palm of your left hand. Drop the left hand to the side to take attention away from it.





VANISHING SALT SHAKER

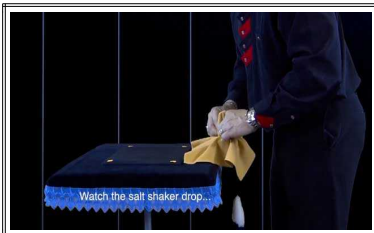
THE TRICK:

The magician covers a salt shaker with a napkin and the shape can be seen clearly under the napkin. Everything is lifted into the air and when the napkin is flicked open, the salt shaker has vanished completely.

THE SECRET:

For the napkin it is either good to use a 'well starched' material napkin or a good quality paper napkin. The photos explain everything.

You ideally need to be sitting down for this trick. Cover a salt shaker with a napkin so that you see the shape under the napkin. Now pull the napkin with the salt shaker under it towards you. As you reach the edge of the table carry on the movement and take everything upwards. The salt shaker will now have fallen on your lap and an empty shell is what the audience see. Flick it open and watch how everyone is in awe as to where the salt shaker went.





UNLINKING SAFETY PINS

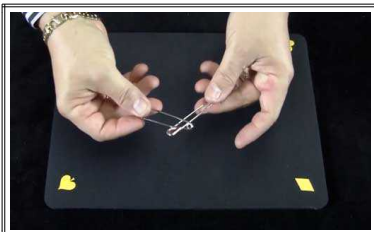
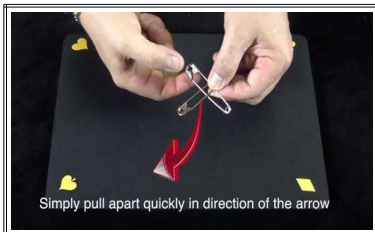
THE TRICK:

Two regular every day safety pins are locked into each other. In one quick swift movement the magician unlinks the two pins without opening either one of them!

THE SECRET:

Ideally, try and find some extra large safety pins, as it is just so much more visual. Open one up and link the two together, making sure that both are closed in the end. You can dangle them from each other and let the spectators check that they are actually linked. Hold both pins between the thumb and forefinger; the right safety pin you hold at the head and the left one at the bottom end.

As in photo 1, the right side of the right safety pin is under the left side of the left safety pin. The left side of the right safety pin is on top of the left side of the left safety pin. Hold them as in the photos and quickly pull them apart as in the direction shown, and they unlink! Easy as that!





JUMPING ELASTIC

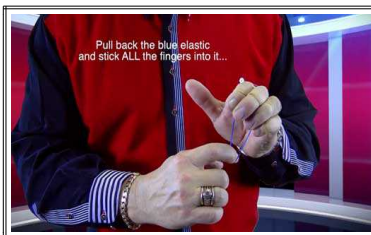
THE TRICK:

You place a rubber band around your end two fingers (small & 4th finger). You close your fingers and the elastic instantly jumps to the middle and index finger - even when you 'lock' the jumping elastic onto your fingers with another rubber band intertwined above it across all fingers.

THE SECRET:

This is really easy and very visual. Simply loop an elastic across either you small and 4th finger, or your middle and index finger of the left hand. As in the picture, pull the elastic back with the right index finger and stick all the fingers of the left hand into the opening. On straightening the left fingers, the elastic has jumped to the other two fingers!

To confuse the spectator more, you can even take a larger different color rubber band and apparently 'lock' the jumping rubber band onto your fingers. It still jumps across and becomes quite puzzling for those watching.



BALANCING GLASS ON CARD

THE TRICK:

The magician shows a regular playing card and a normal glass. Anyone can clearly see that it would be impossible to balance the glass on the edge of a playing card, yet within second the magician has done exactly that - even if there is liquid in the glass!

THE SECRET:

You need to make up a trick card with a secret flap. Simply get a duplicate card and fold it in half. Stick this to the back of the first card (one half only) so that when it is pressed flat against the original card, it looks like one card.

When you open the flap you have a half section sticking out at 90 degrees at the back onto which the glass can rest. The photos explain it all. Obviously no one can stand behind you when you do this trick.





LEVITATING BREAD ROLL

THE TRICK:

While sitting at the dinner table, the magician covers his bread roll with his napkin. Suddenly the bread roll is seen to be floating under the napkin and even pops up over the edge. Can be done impromptu at any table.

THE SECRET:

This is a very powerful trick and so easy to do. Best of all it requires no preparation and can be done at any table where there is a napkin, some cutlery and a bread roll.

Make sure your place setting is set out with the knife and fork. Ideally have two forks on the right. Place the bread roll on your plate and cover it with the napkin. At the same time use the free fingers of the right hand to grab the knife and stick it into the bread roll. Now manipulate the roll up and down under the napkin with the knife. It's as easy as that. Again the photos clarify every thing.





HYPNOTIZED TOOTHPICKS

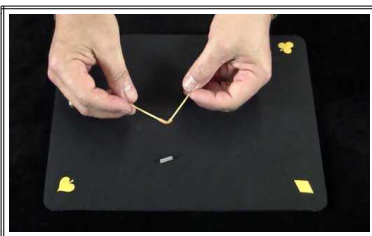
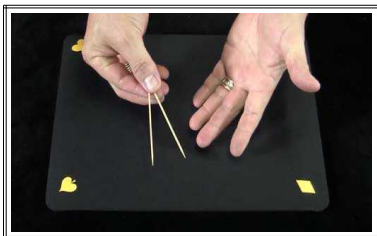
THE TRICK:

The magician takes 2 toothpicks and holds them together in his fingers. Slowly and eerily they move apart without any movement from the magician.

THE SECRET:

You need two regular toothpicks and a half-inch/2cm piece of thin rubber tubing. As preparation, stick the bottom end of each toothpick into the rubber tubing as per the photos. If you bring the toothpicks together, the elasticity of the rubber tubing will force them to open out again.

To perform the trick, hold the toothpicks tightly between the thumb and forefinger. For them to move apart, simple release the pressure between your fingers, and they start moving. It's that simple!





LINKING PAPER CLIPS

THE TRICK:

Two regular paper clips are placed separately on a money note. They are covered by each half of the note, and when the note is pulled apart, the paper clips have linked. Very baffling!

THE SECRET:

This is a fantastic trick, and you can use any paper clips and any money note. You will need two paperclips - they need not be the same size either! In fact you can even use a small and a large paperclip, or even two paper clips of a different design.

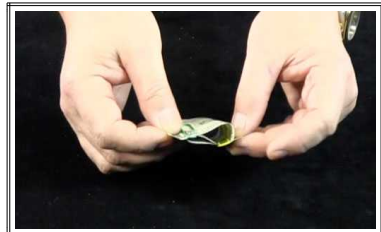
The coolest of all, you can borrow all the items wherever you are - so there is no preparation whatsoever!

Place the two paper clips onto the centre of the money note, with about a 1cm gap between the two, as in the photo below.



Now take one half of the note, fold it over the first paper clip and slide it under the second one, as in the photo below.

Once you have done this, turn everything around so that the backs of the paper clips are showing, and do exactly the same here. Place the remaining half of the note also over the first paper clip and under the second one. You can see that the two paper clips have now been totally separated. Everyone can also check everything at this point. All you have to do now is hold the two ends and pull them apart.



The paper clips will shoot, linked together, off the note!

A warning, don't pull the note apart at the bottom, it may tear, and I am sure you won't be thrilled if you tear a money note of high value.

Also, don't point the note at anyone face, or eyes when pulling the ends, as the paper clips shoot off.

This is very baffling, and self - working. You will have much fun with this item.



MATH PREDICTION

THE TRICK:

A volunteer is asked to write down any 5-digit number. From this the magician writes down a prediction and places it in full sight for all to see. Now the magician turns around and asks the spectator to write down another two 5-digit numbers under the original. Once this is done, the magician turns around and immediately adds another two 5-digit numbers, making it a total of 5 different numbers. Everything is added up and the total matches the magician's prediction! This blows the audience away as it is humanly impossible to add that fast or even know what the outcome would be!

THE SECRET:

The photos on the next page show you the basics, but the explanation here will be in more detail.

Whether on a large flip chart or at a table close-up on a piece of paper - ask a spectator to write down any 5 digit number, e.g. 45819. At this point you are going to make your prediction that is always based on adding a 2 in front of the first digit and subtracting a 2 from the last digit.

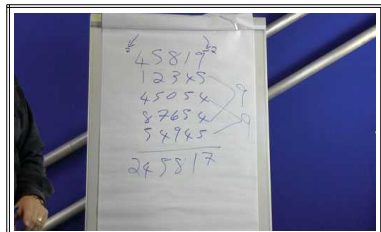
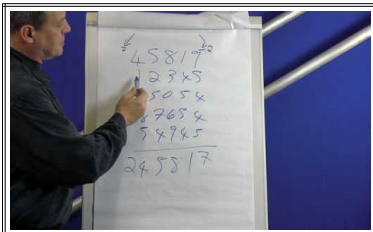
Hence this example would then be 245817. Should you have a number that ends in with the last digit smaller than 2, i.e. 45811, then you still add the two in front, but subtract the two from the 2 last digits, as these make up 11. Hence 11 minus 2 = 9 and the prediction number would be 245809.

At this point you turn around and ask the spectator to write down a further two 5-digit numbers. Make a point of emphasizing that you cannot see what has been written. Once this has been done you now turn around and immediately write down another two 5-digit numbers under the spectator's three numbers. However, you do it so fast that there is no way you could possibly be doing any mathematical calculations.

Here's the secret - you look at the second number the spectator wrote, and the first number you now write down must have every digit total to 9 when added to their number. So if they wrote 12345, you write down 87654, as $1 + 8 = 9$, $2 + 7 = 9$, etc.

You do exactly the same with the second number your write down - these digits must total to 9 with the last number the spectator wrote down.

When you add it all together, it actually gives you your prediction total! People will literally freak out when you do this. It is an incredibly powerful trick and lots of fun to do. The photos below show the example I used in the video.





CUT & RESTORED STRING IN STRAW

THE TRICK:

A piece of string is openly threaded through a straw, which is folded in half. The straw is now cut in half, and the thread is supposedly cut with it. However, when the thread is pulled out from the half straws it completely restored!

THE SECRET:

You will need the following items:

- A straw that has decorative lines on it
- A length of string- a sharp blade or Stanley or utility knife
- Scissors.

You will need to prepare the straw by cutting a slit into the centre about 2 inches/4cm long. Hence the importance of using a straw that has a design or stripes on it - thereby you won't notice the cut at all. If the straw came wrapped in paper, remove it carefully and once cut, re-sheath it again - it just makes everything less suspicious.

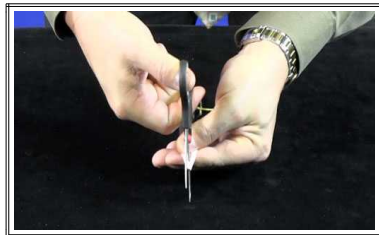


You are now ready to perform the trick. Openly show the string and straw, and thread the string through the straw with a piece sticking out of each end. Try not putting the straw in your mouth and 'sucking' the thread through it - this is not appealing for an audience! Rather tape the ends of the string with scotch tape. This makes the ends heavier and thus the string easily moves through the straw.

Fold everything in half, and then pull the bottom ends of the string. This will result in the string pulling down through the cut/slit in the straw, as in the photo below. Your hand should cover this, and only the top section of the straw should be visible.

Now cut the straw in half, above the string, and to the audience it will appear as if you have cut both string and straw in half. All you need to do now is place both halves together and pull the string out, and show it to be restored!

It's as easy as that!





TORN & RESTORED NAPKIN

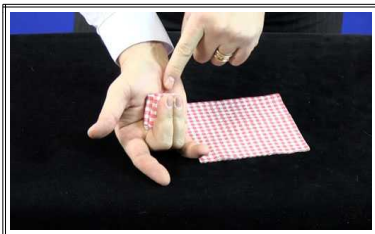
THE TRICK:

The magician takes a paper napkin and tears it in half, claiming that he will restore it again. As he restores the napkin, another napkin is seen to fall from his hands. Everyone assumes this to be the duplicate torn pieces. However, when this is opened out - it is also a complete napkin! What a great surprise and sucker ending!

THE SECRET:

You need 3 napkins. Fold 2 up really small and finger palm them as shown in the photo. Pick up the one napkin and start tearing it up. The restoration occurs by swapping the torn pieces with one of the duplicates. As you open the 'restored' napkin, let the other duplicate fall out of your hand. Everyone will be intent on you opening that one that they won't even think you have the torn pieces left in your hand.

Show the restored napkin in your hand and crumple it up around the torn pieces. Everyone will still want to look at the dropped napkin. Open this and prove it is whole as well!



MATCHING SUITES

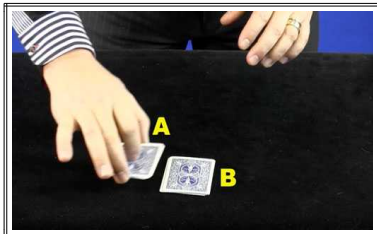
THE TRICK:

Four piles of cards are shown, each containing an Ace, Jack, Queen and King. These are all placed on top of each other and then cut numerous times. When counted out face down into four piles again, all the Aces are in one pile, the Jacks in the other, the Queens in their own, and the Kings as well.

THE SECRET:

This is in essence a self-working trick that is really easy to do.

You will need a regular deck of cards from which you must remove the four Aces, Jacks, Queens, and Kings. Make four piles; placing one of each card into each pile, e.g. each pile must have one Ace, Jack, Queen and King in it - all in the same order. Once you have done this, place the four piles on top of one another, making one pile of sixteen cards. Now turn them face down and ask any spectator to cut the pile of cards once. The cards are ALWAYS cut anywhere - but ONLY ONCE at a time - the top section (A) off the bottom section (B). This can be repeated as often as you wish. The spectator can even only cut one card to the bottom.



You can also cut the cards by holding them in your hand, face down, spreading a few off the top, and just cutting them to the bottom. This is exactly the same as the above manner, except that you are holding them in your hands.

This is where the whole secret of the trick lies, as by merely cutting the cards in this manner, the order, or sequence of the cards never changes!

Once the cards have been cut and apparently mixed as a result of this, you now count the cards into four piles again. Again take note here. You make four piles, starting from your left moving clockwise until all the cards have been counted out, i.e. once you have placed down the 4th card, you now place the 5th card onto the first pile again, i.e. card number one!

In other words, if you place them down from left to right, you start again from left to right with the fifth, ninth, and thirteenth cards. All you have to do now is turn over the four piles to reveal that all the Aces, Jacks, Queens and Kings are together in one pile!





SO, WHAT NOW?

Did you enjoy the videos and this E-Book, and especially the tricks you learnt?

If yes, then please feel free to visit www.wolfgangriebe.com and check out the tab, Corporate Magician, as the site is constantly updated with new tricks for beginners, hobbyists and professionals. Plus there is a section with many more products and E-Books for those who want to learn more.

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SO, WHO IS THIS WOLFGANG RIEBE?



Wolfgang is one of the world's top magicians and a legend in his own time. He has appeared in over 150 countries, performed on the world's top cruise liners and been the star on numerous of his own prime-time TV series.

Since a teenager he started inventing his own tricks and has written for many of the world's magical publications for many years. In 2012 he released his life's contribution to magic containing all his original creations in a 750 page book called, *The Complete Works*.

Over the years he has lectured throughout the world and taught magicians many of his original effects, from the London Magic Circle to Hollywood's famous Magic Castle.

Wolfgang has lived his dream and made a huge success from the art of magic. Today he has taken the next step and become one of the world's leading Inspirational Keynote speakers, sharing his life secrets and insights with people all over the world. Check out www.wolfgangriebe.com.

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