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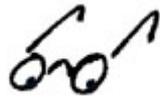
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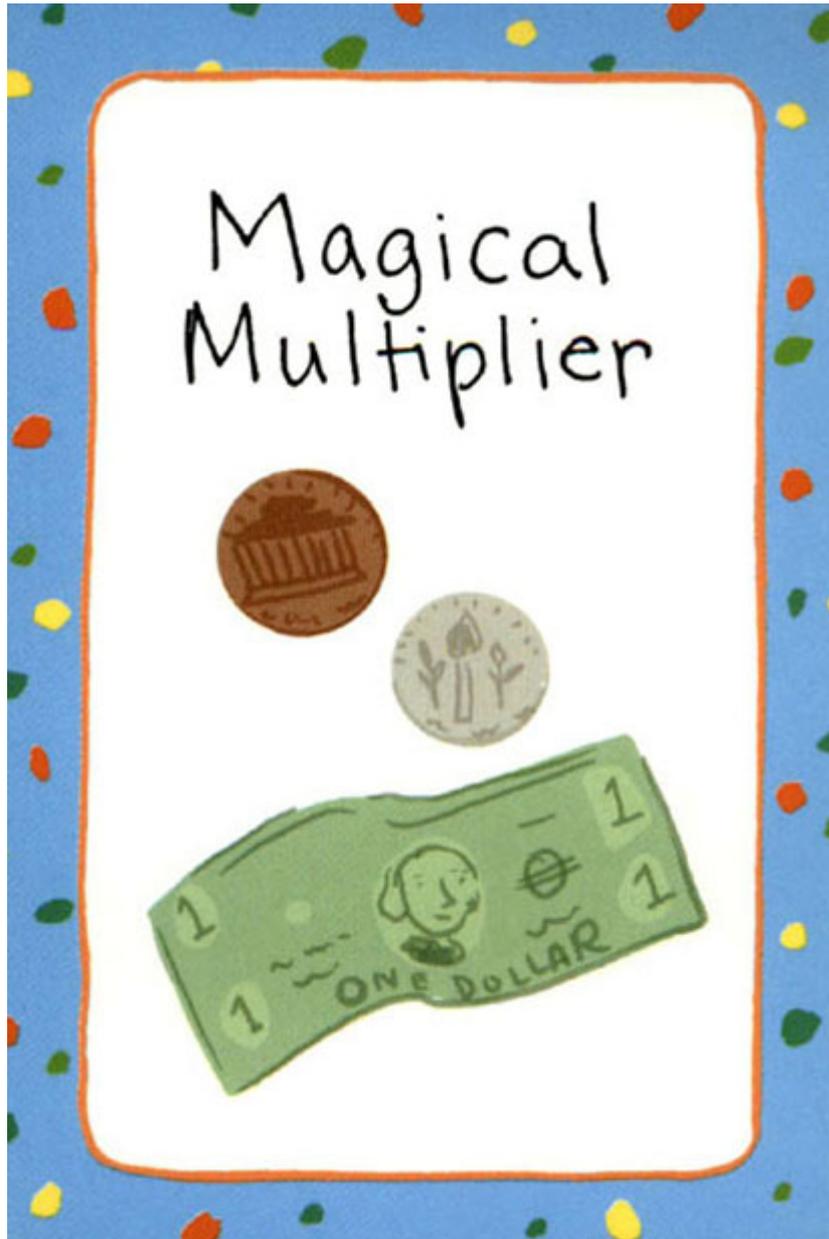
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Magical Multiplier

Materials: *Dollar bill; Penny; Bandana; Dime*

1. Fold the dollar to the width of a penny and hide in your lap. Set the penny on the table.
2. Hold the bandana by a corner, pinching the dime between thumb and bandana. Say it is made of magical multiplying material that multiplies by 10. As you lay it on the table, slide the dime under so it is at the center.

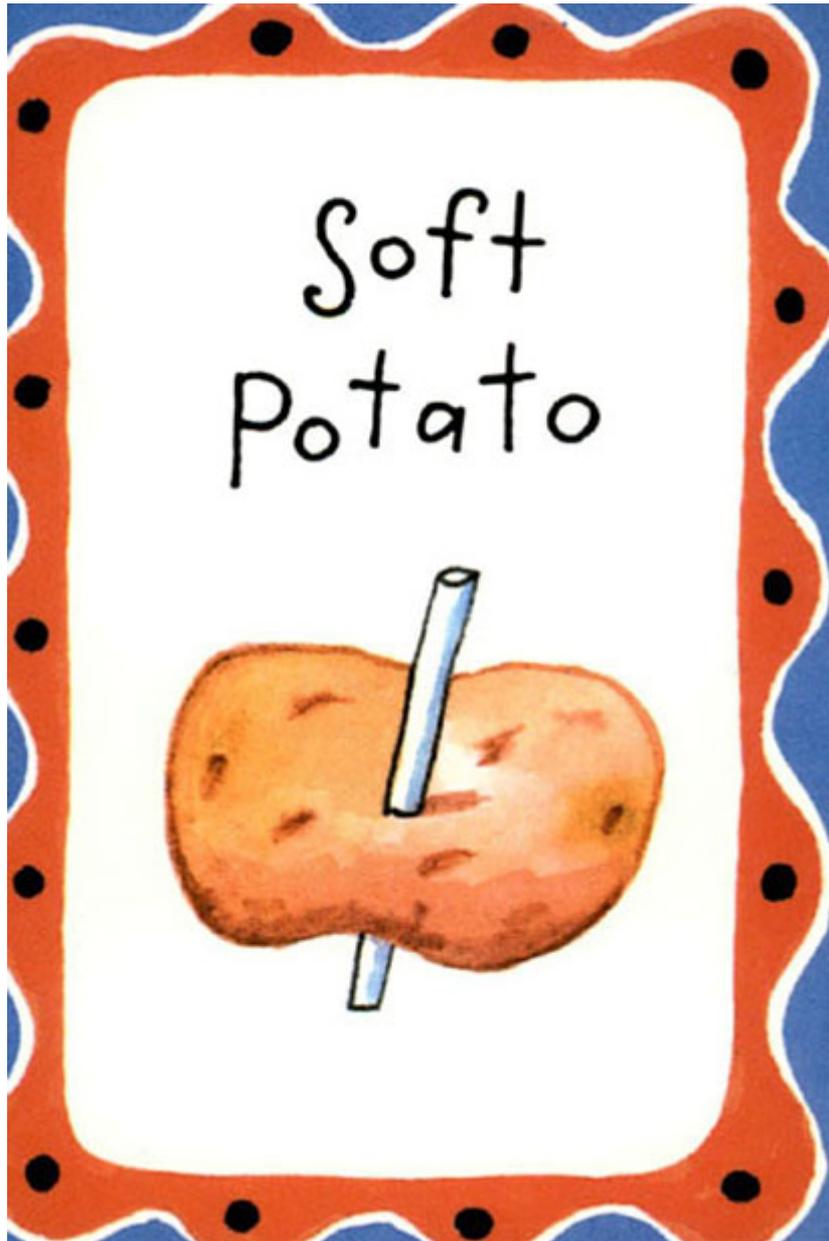
3. Put the penny on the bandana on top of the dime. Roll the dime and penny up together. Wave the rolled bandana, and as you do, turn it over. Over your lap, slowly pull the ends apart. A dime will appear! The penny falls into your lap.
4. Wave the bandana while slipping the dollar on the table. Repeat to multiply the dime by 10 into a dollar.



Pull the Rug Out

Materials: *Sheet of paper; Glass bottle; 10 pennies*

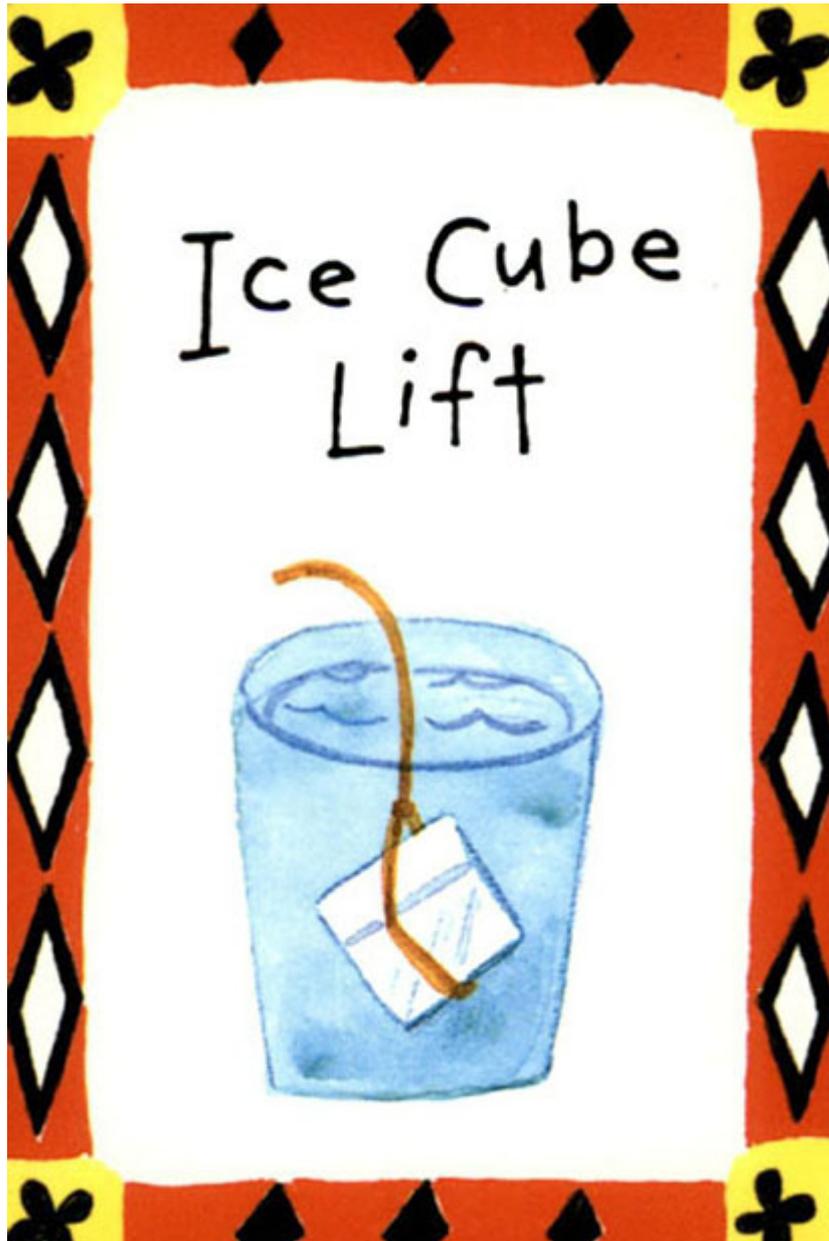
1. Lay a one-inch-wide strip of paper on top of a 16-ounce glass soda bottle, with two-thirds of the strip on one side of the neck. Carefully stack 10 pennies on top of the strip.
2. Quickly pull the long end of the paper strip down. The pennies will stay stacked neatly on top of the bottle. Challenge your friends to do the same.



Soft Potato

Materials: *Paper straws; Raw potato*

1. Tell your friends you can push a paper drinking straw into a raw potato without bending the straw. Let them try it first.
2. Place your fingertip firmly over the end of the straw and quickly thrust the straw straight through the potato. It will pierce the skin without bending!



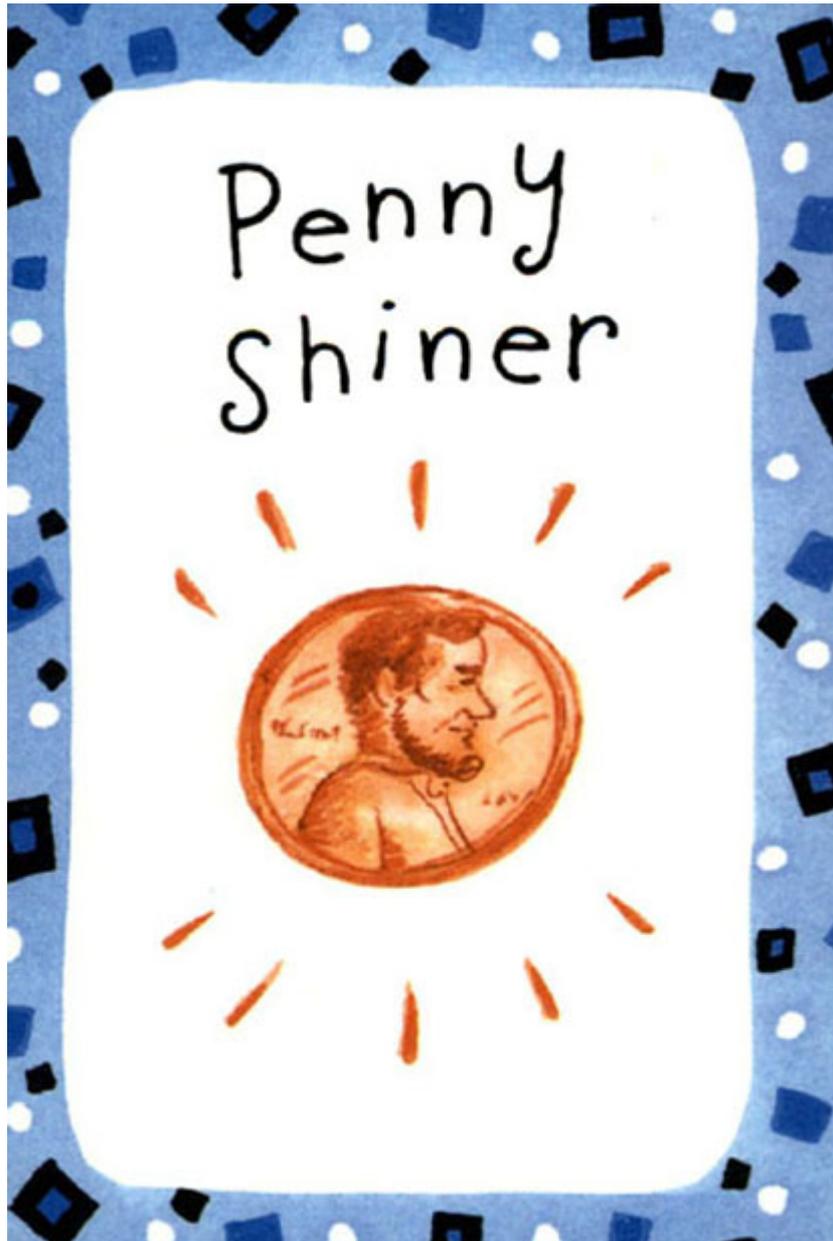
Ice Cube Lift

Materials: *Glass of cold water; Ice; Cotton string; Salt*

1. Drop an ice cube into an eight-ounce glass filled with cold water. Ask your friends if they can pick up the ice with a piece of thin cotton string. Let them try.
2. Lower a four-inch piece of string into the water until it rests on the ice cube. Sprinkle about a tablespoon of salt

—calling it “magic powder”—into the water, over the cube.

3. Wait about 45 seconds, and you’ll be able to pull the ice out—stuck to the string!

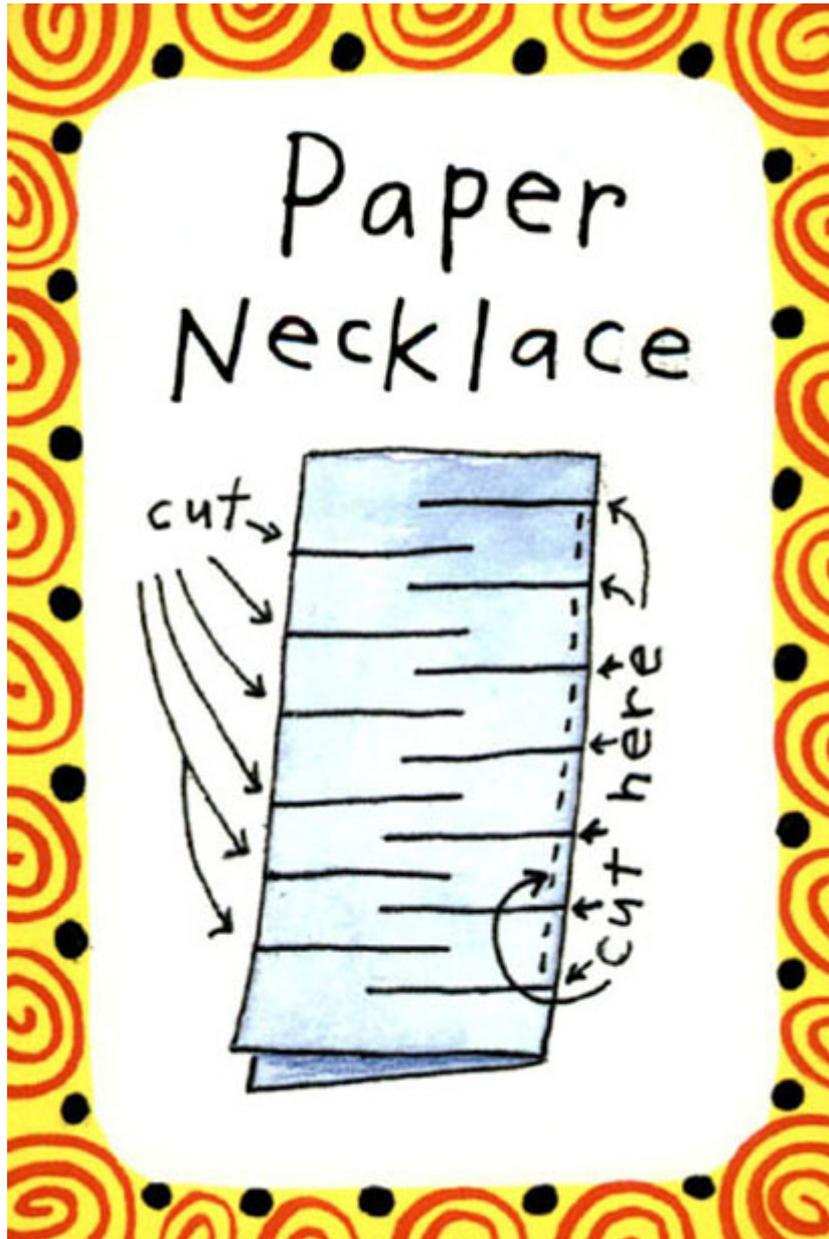


Penny Shiner

Materials: *Pennies; Small jar with lid; White vinegar; Salt*

Here's how to polish pennies for all your cool tricks.

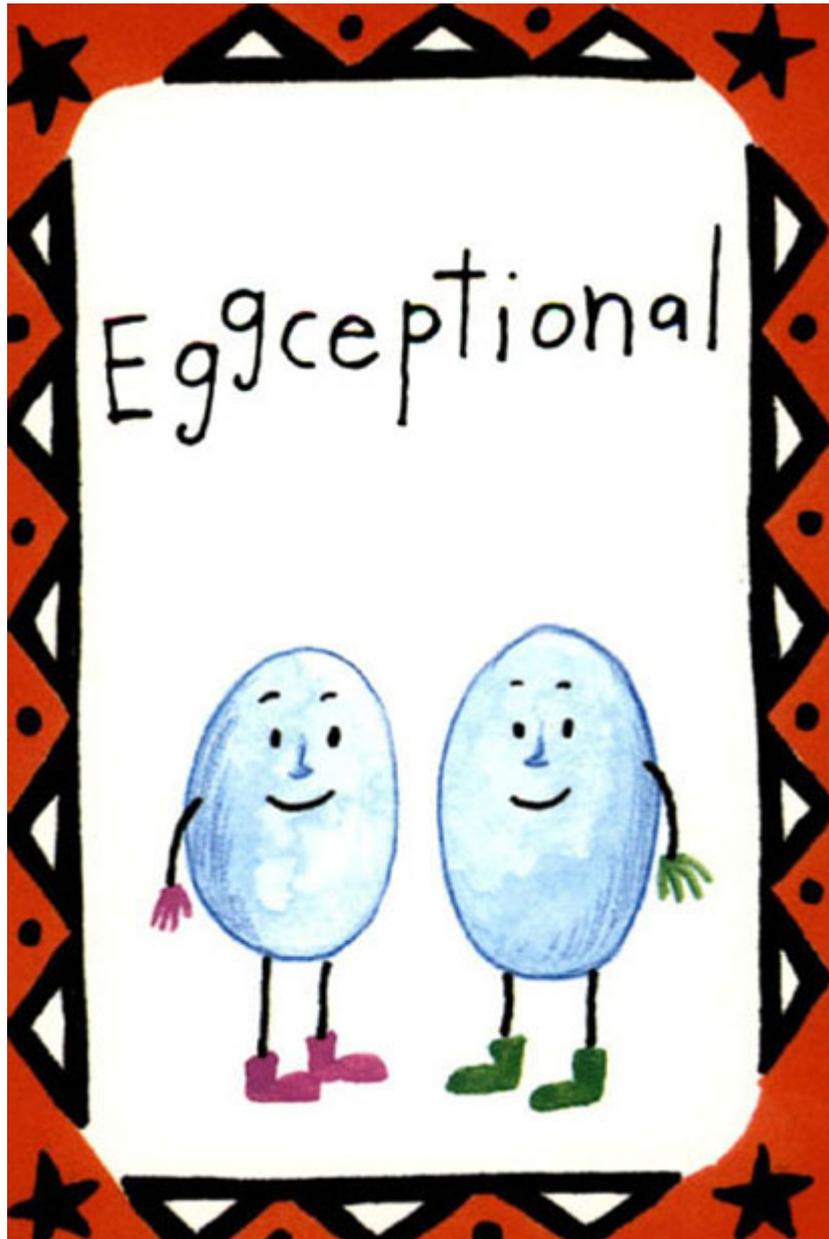
1. Drop your dirty pennies into a jar. Fill the jar with vinegar and add a tablespoon of salt. Put the lid on and shake.
2. The next day, your pennies are as shiny as can be!



Paper Necklaces

Materials: *Postcard; Scissors*

1. Tell your friend you can make a postcard fit over his or her head. Ask if she believes you.
2. Fold the postcard and make cuts in it, as shown on the back of this card.
3. Open it up and slip over your friend's head. Incredible!



Eggceptional

Materials: *Hard-boiled egg; Raw egg*

1. Ask your friends if they can tell which egg is raw and which egg is cooked without cracking them open.
2. You'll know for sure by spinning them on a smooth table top. The raw egg will wobble as the yolk shifts back and forth. The cooked egg will spin around smoothly.



Summer Surprise

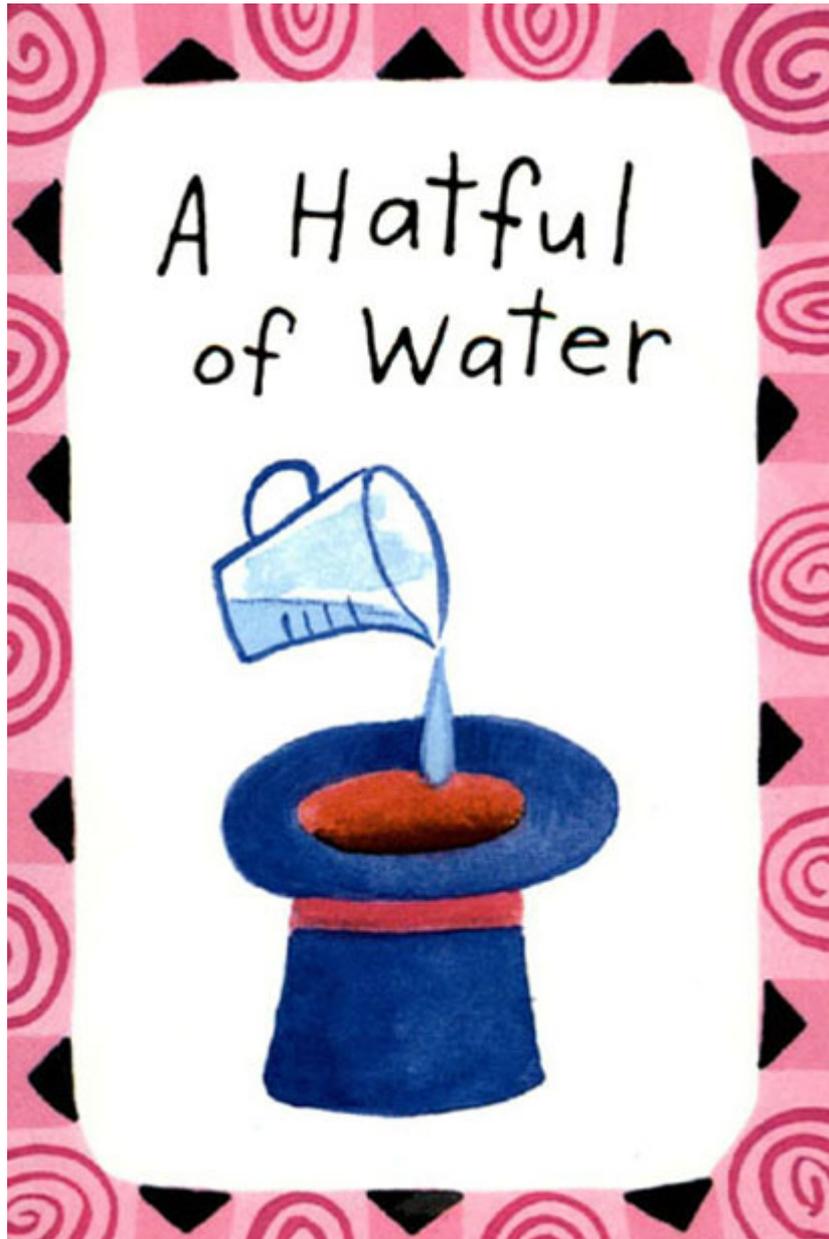
Materials: *Plastic water bottle; Nail; Bowl*

This is a summer prank to keep in the cooler at a pool or beach party.

1. With adult help, pierce the bottom of the bottle with a nail several times. Don't make the holes too big.
2. Set the bottle in the sink in a bowl and fill it with water. Lift the bottle out of the bowl. Water should flow out of

the holes. Fill it up again and cap it tightly. Now lift it up. Water might drip a tiny bit, but if the bottle is held upright, it should not flow out of the holes.

3. Put it upright in the ice chest for the party. At the party, find someone in a swimsuit and ask for help opening your bottle. When they take off the cap, ice-cold water will pour out of the holes!



A Hatful of Water

Materials: *Hat; 2 Paper cups; Scissors; Water*

1. Cut out the bottom of a paper cup and slip it into an uncut matching cup.
2. Pick up the (double) cup and put it in a magic hat taller than the cups. Then take out the inner cup, not letting the audience see its missing bottom.

3. Pour water into the cup in the hat. Your friends will think you poured water right into the hat! Go along with them; apologize for your confusion.
4. Put the trick cup back in the hat, sliding it into the cup of water.
5. Lift out the cup. Turn the hat upside down. No spills!



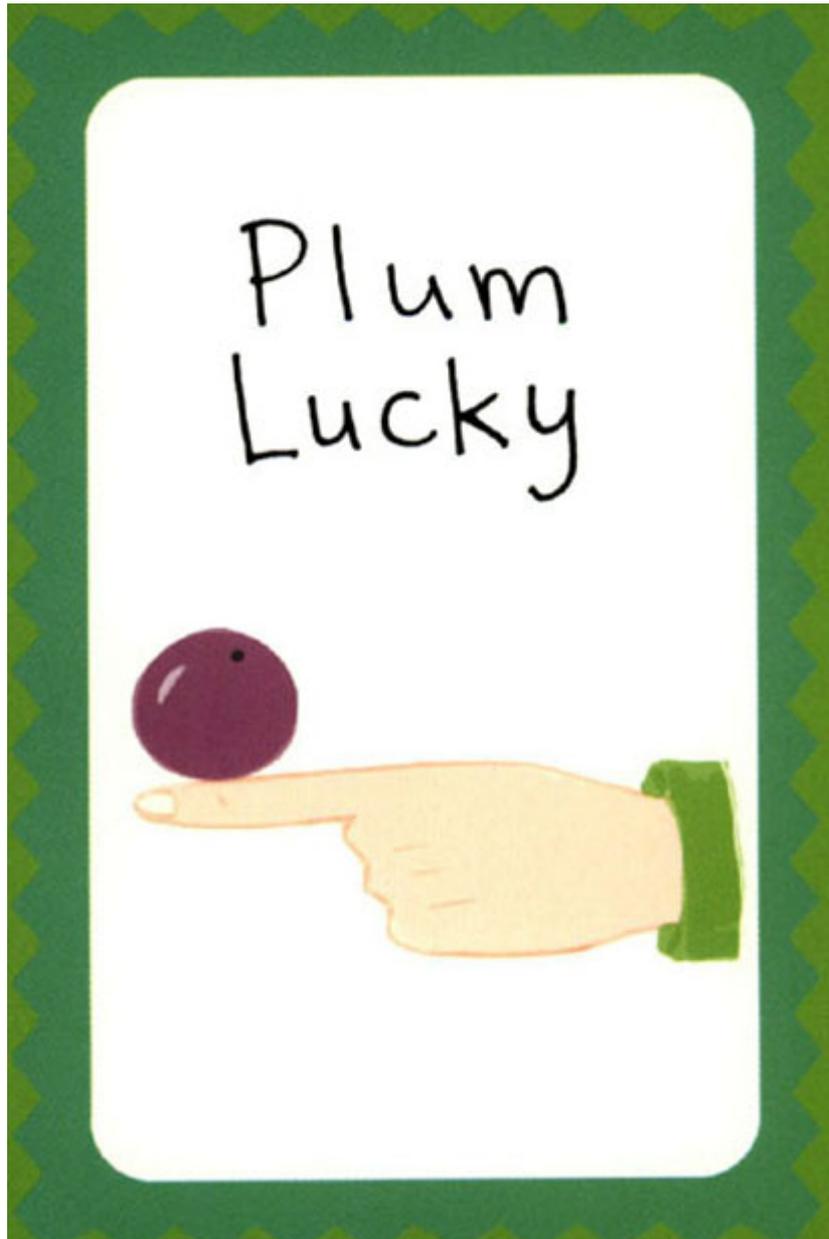
Stay-at-home-cards

Materials: *Deck of cards*

1. Place the four of clubs and the five of spades on top of the deck, with the four of spades and the five of clubs immediately below them.
2. Pick up the top two cards and tell your friends you can bury these cards in the middle of the deck, then call them

home. Don't name the cards, and show them quickly to the audience.

3. Bury them in the deck.
4. Knock on the deck and call four and five home. Peel off the top two cards. They're home!



Plum Lucky

Materials: *Plum or other small, round fruit; Toothpick*

Balance a plum on your fingertip! This easy trick can be done at home or at a party or restaurant.

1. Hold a toothpick behind your index finger with your thumb so that your audience can't see it.
2. Put the plum (or cherry or grape) on your fingertip and pretend to try to balance it while secretly sliding the

toothpick up into it.

3. Take away your other hand. Tell your audience, “This plum is part of a balanced diet.”



Acrobatic Jack

Materials: *Deck of cards; Salt*

1. Divide a deck of playing cards in half and put the jack of clubs at the bottom of the top half. Put $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of salt between the two halves. Carefully put them back together.
2. Tell your audience that the jack of clubs is sometimes called the Acrobatic Jack because he can do tricks. Put

the deck carefully on the floor.

3. Using your stocking feet, gently nudge the deck into two piles. Pick up the top pile and show your friends the Acrobatic Jack on the bottom!

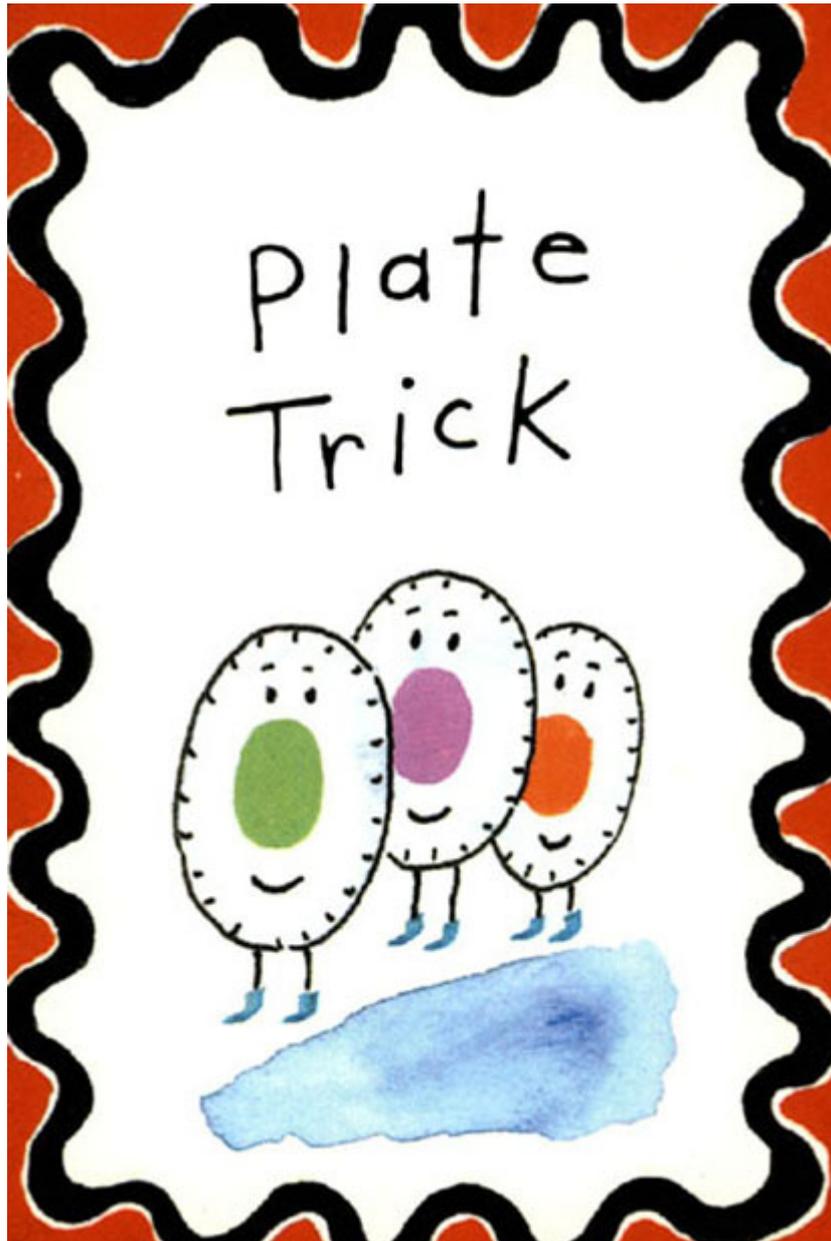
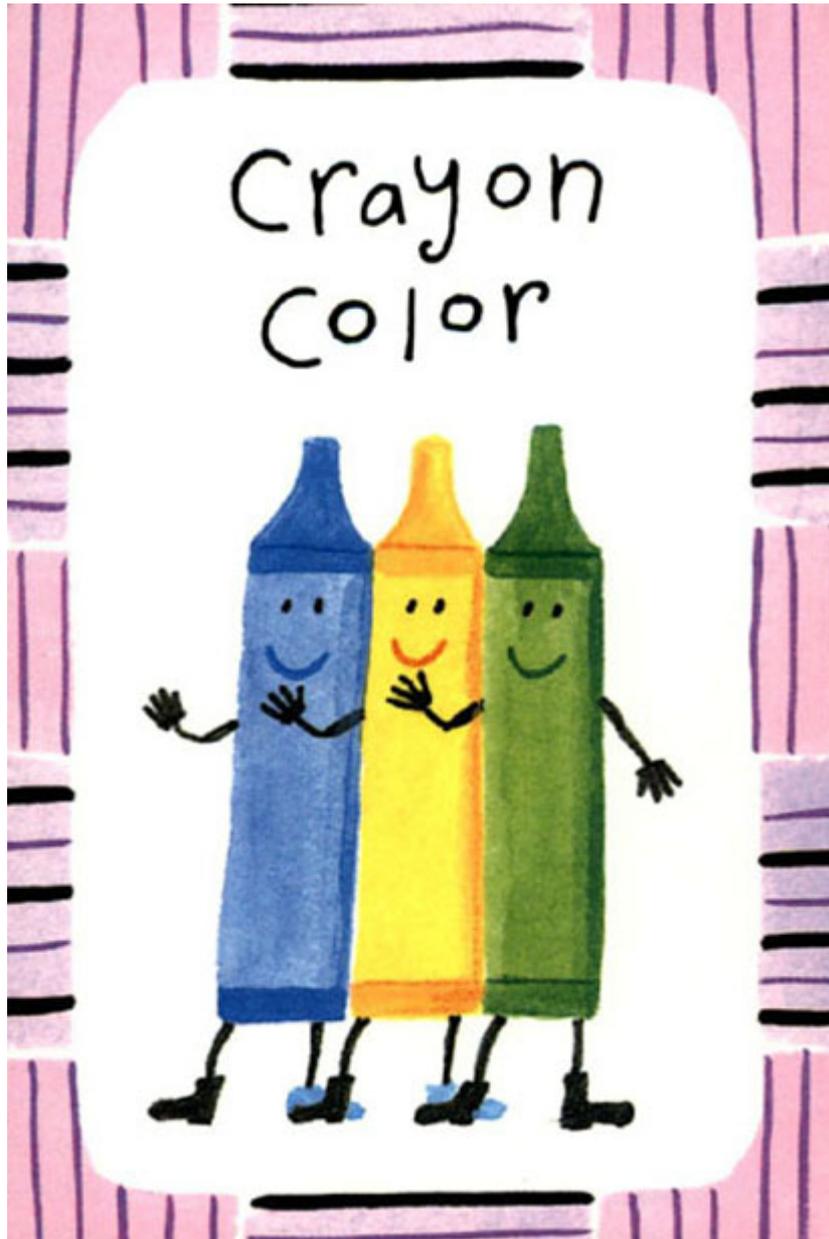


Plate Trick

Materials: *3 paper plates; Colored markers*

1. Draw a different-colored circle on the bottom side of each paper plate.
2. Show your audience both sides of the three paper plates. You've secretly put a tiny dot on the topside rim of each plate.

3. Mix up the order of the plates, then set them down, making sure each dot is in the same position.
4. Turn your back to the audience. Have a friend pick a plate and show it to the audience.
5. Turn around and tell the audience which plate was picked by noting which dot moved.

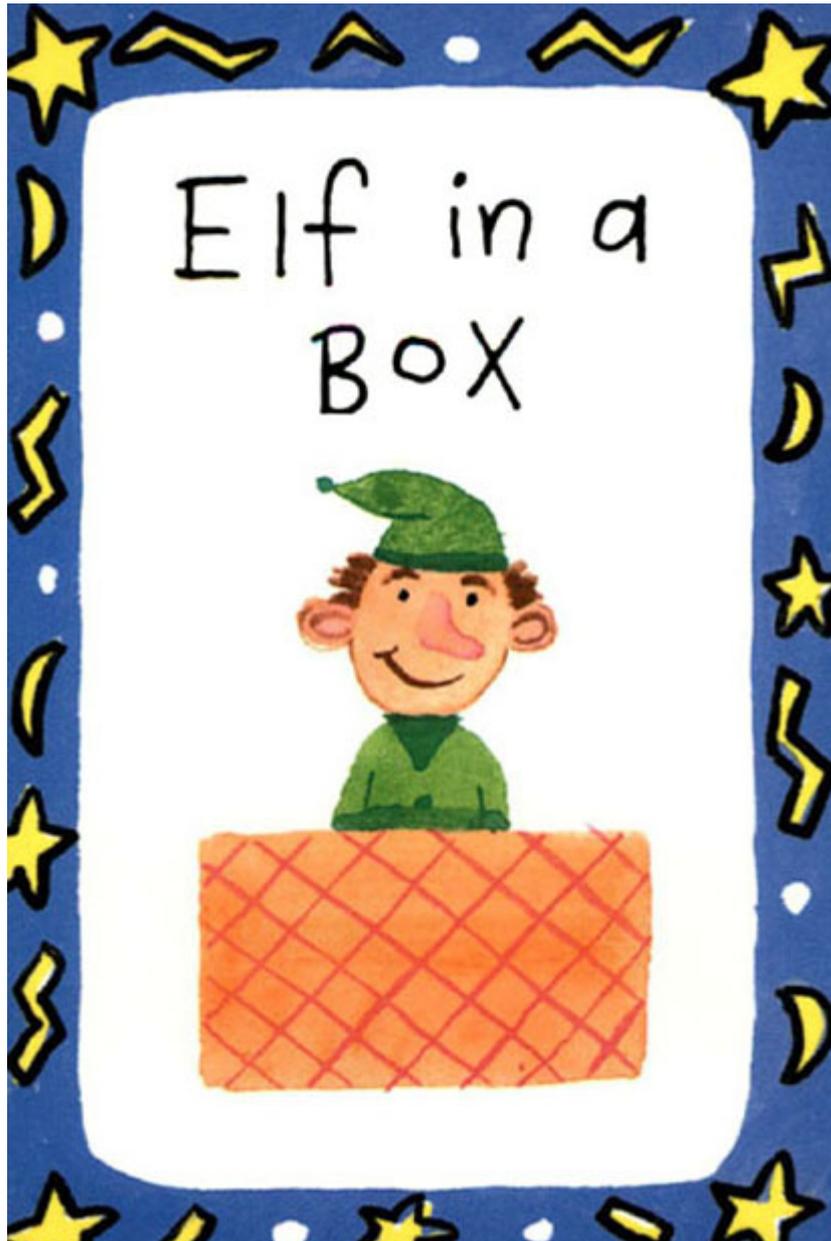


Crayon Color

Materials: *Box of crayons*

1. Turn your back to the audience. Ask a friend to select a crayon from a box of crayons and place it in your hands, outstretched behind your back.
2. Keeping your hands behind your back, turn to face the audience and tell them you will guess what color your friend has selected.

3. Secretly make a small crayon mark on your thumbnail.
4. Turn your back to the audience again and have your friend remove the crayon from your hands. Drop your hands to your sides and glance down at your thumbnail.
5. Turn to face your audience, and tell them what color the crayon was.

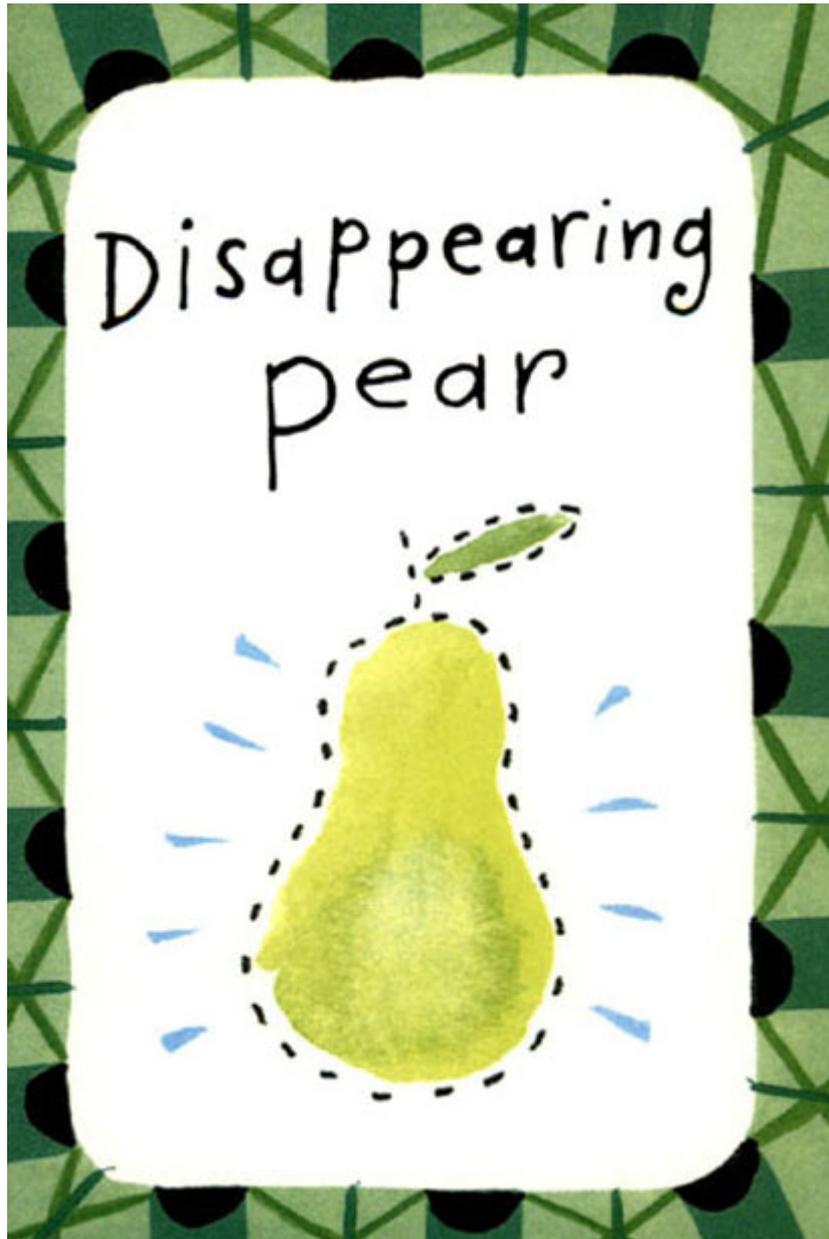


Elf in a Box

Materials: *Small box with lid; Marker*

1. Pick someone in the audience to be your assistant and tell that person you have an elf inside the box on your table.
2. The other people in the audience will probably giggle when you say, "Do you think my assistant will see him or her when I take the cover off?"

3. Ask your assistant to open the box and tell the audience if she can see him or her. Your assistant will have to say yes, because you've written HIM OR HER on the bottom of the box. Hold up the box so the audience can see the bottom.



Disappearing Pear

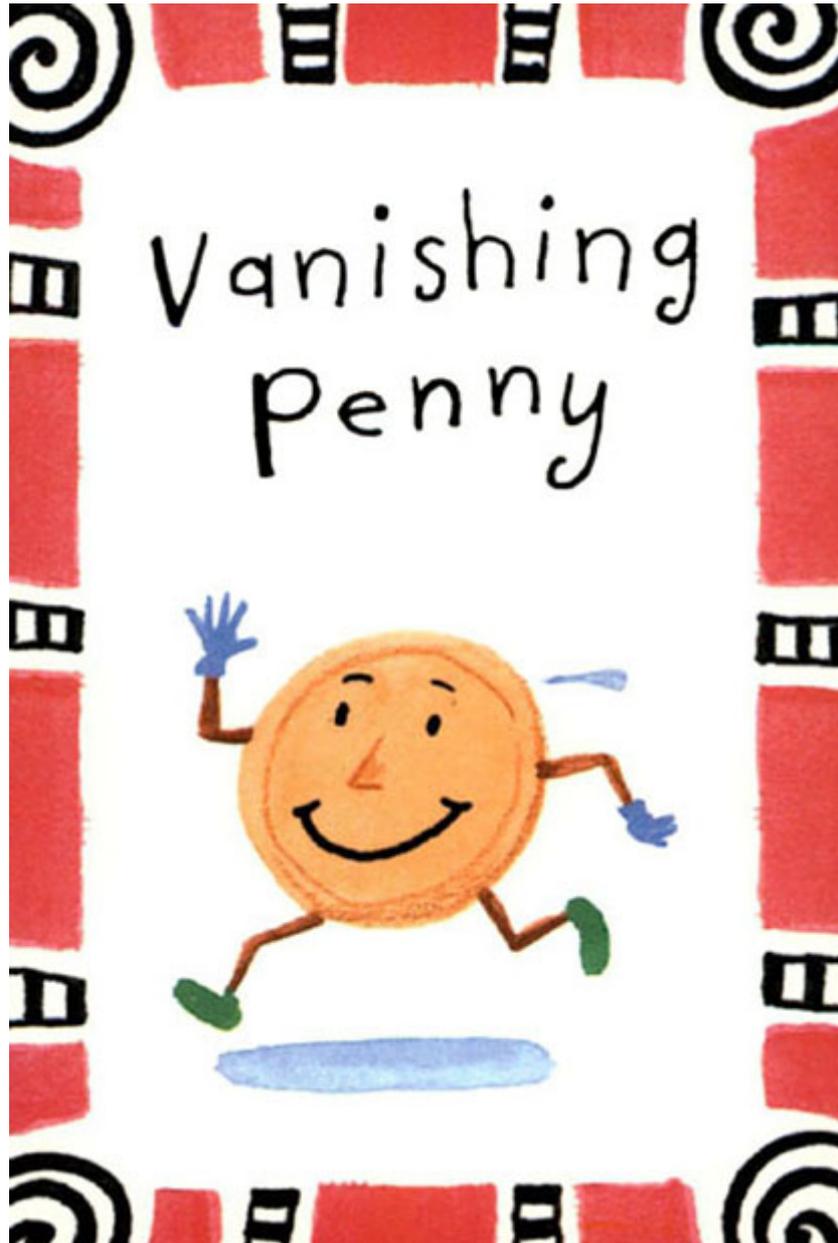
Materials: *Paper and marker*

Tell your friends you can honestly make a pear disappear.

1. Write the word PEAR on a sheet of paper and show it to the audience.
2. Then write DISAP in front of the word PEAR.
3. Hold up your sheet of paper once more. You did just what you promised!

4. You can do a similar trick with rat or van. Make the van VANish or the rat evapoRATE. You can even challenge the audience with this: “Can anyone make me melt?”
When they fail, write ME on a paper and then LT.

To add to the silliness, you might want to have a real pear, toy van, or toy rat sitting on the table as you introduce the trick.

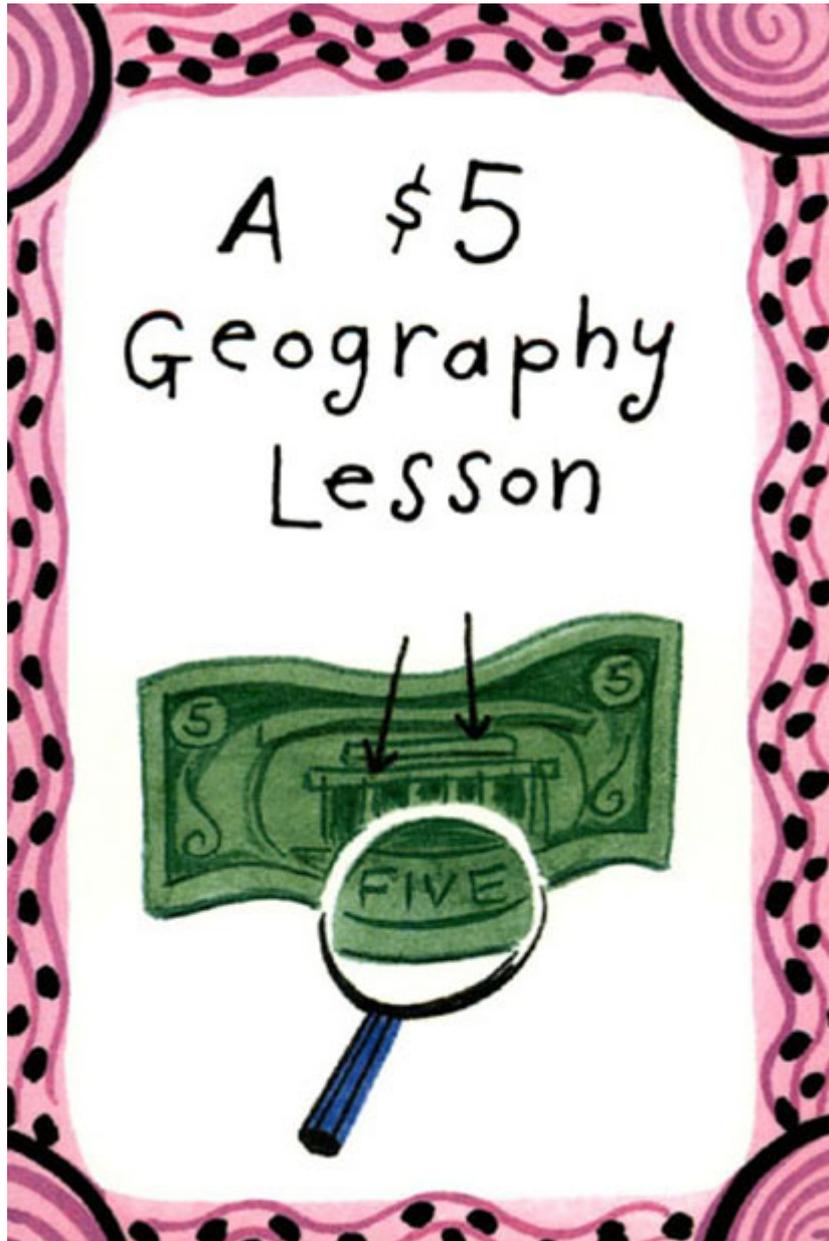


Vanishing Penny

Materials: *Plastic cup; Paper; Pencil; Tape; Penny; Bandana*

1. Place a clear plastic cup upside-down on a sheet of paper. Trace around the rim of the cup.
2. Cut out the circle you've traced, and neatly attach it to the cup's opening with a bit of clear tape so that the tape doesn't show.

3. Put several sheets of paper (that match the paper on the cup) on the table. Keep the cup upside-down and don't pick it up.
4. Place a penny on the table and tell your audience you can make the penny disappear. Place a bandana over the cup.
5. Slide the cup over the penny, then remove the bandana.
The penny is gone!

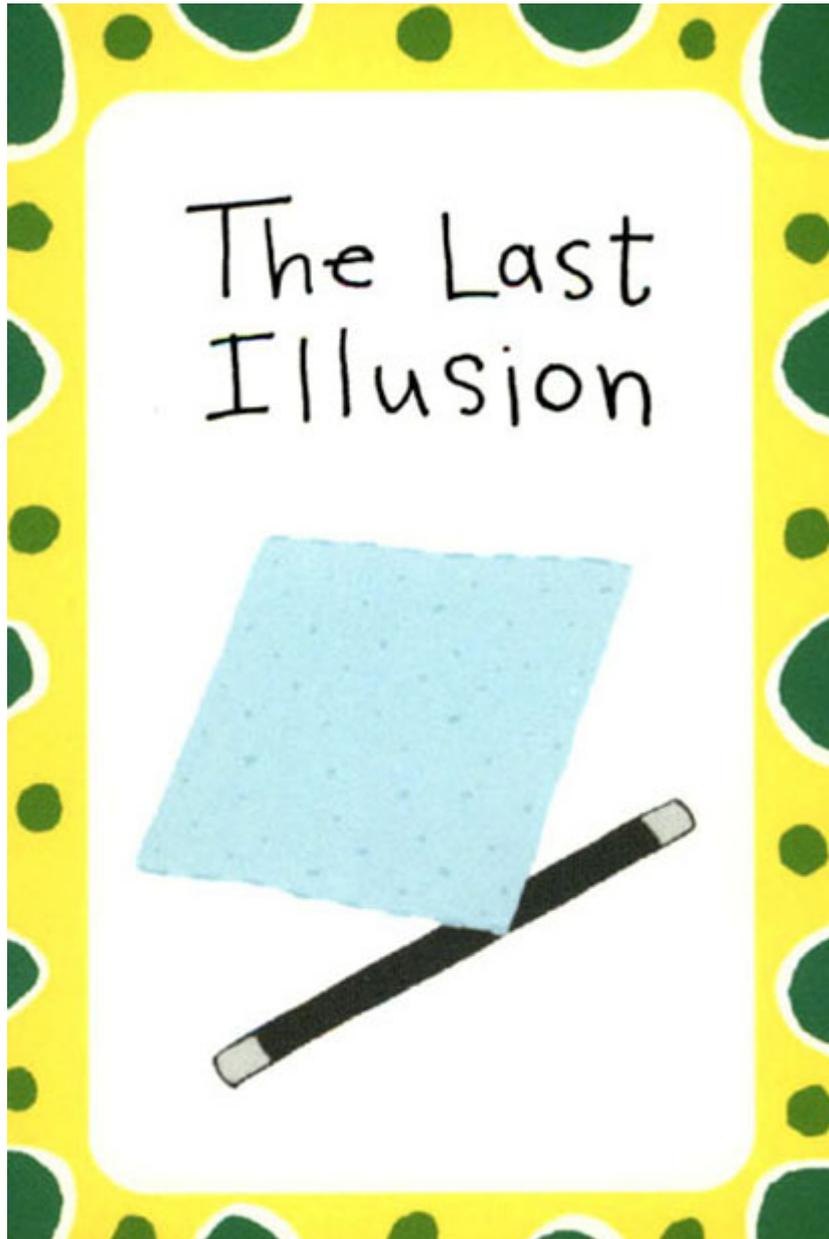


A \$5 Geography Lesson

Materials: *Five-dollar bill; Magnifying glass*

1. Challenge your friends to find the names of 25 states on a five-dollar bill.
2. After they've tried, turn the bill over and, with a magnifying glass, point out all the states' names in two rows on the pediment of the Lincoln Memorial Monument (even with a magnifying glass, they are very

hard to read). There are also three states on the front of the bill. There are over 25 states on a five-dollar bill!

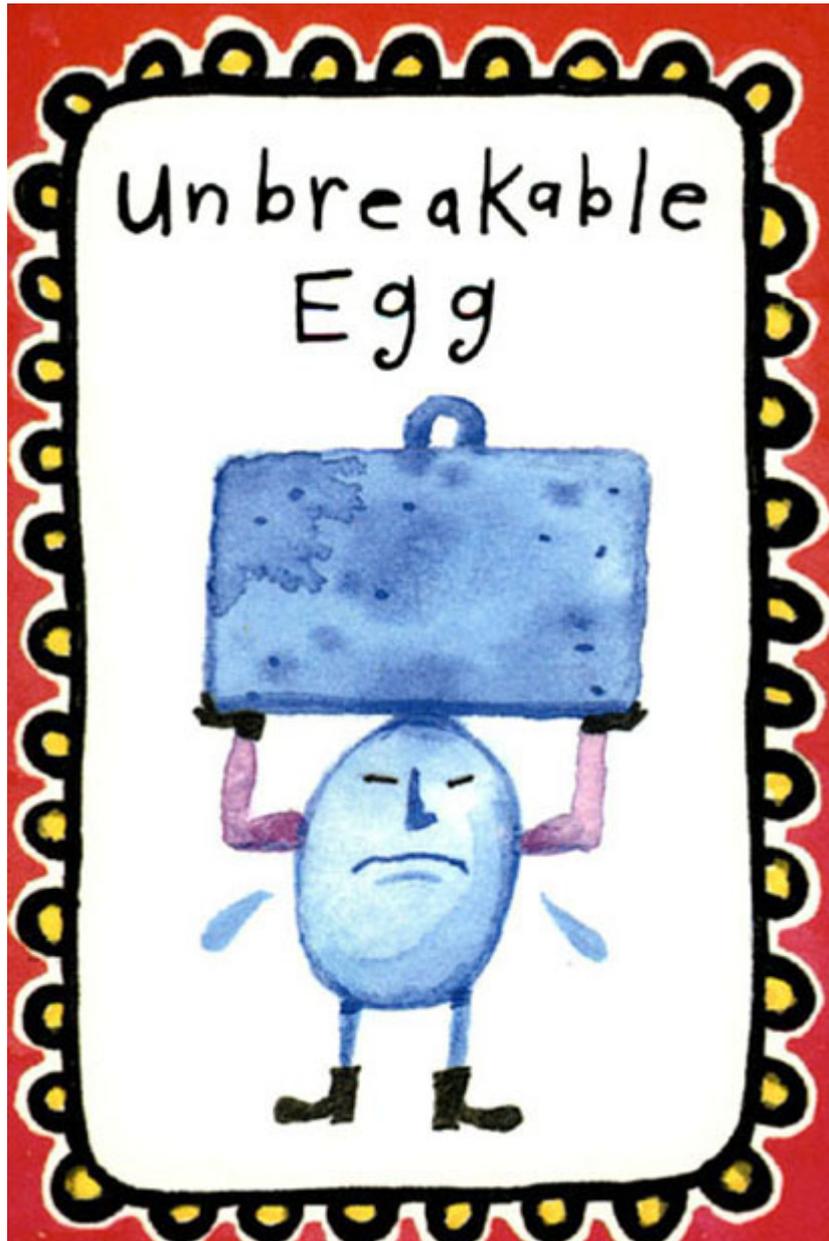


The Last Illusion

Materials: *Dowel rod; Scissors; Black paper; Tape; Paper towel*

1. With adult help, cut two one-inch pieces off the dowel rod. Wrap a piece of black paper around the long dowel so that nearly one inch of wood shows at either end, and tape it to form a tube. Slide the tube off. Do the same again, but this time tape the paper securely to the dowel.

2. Take the two short dowel pieces and insert them into the black paper tube's ends and tape. You now have two wands that look identical.
3. At the start of your show, let the audience examine your wand. At the end, secretly swap wands. Tell the audience you must clean the wand before you put it away. Cover it with a paper towel and rub it. Say "Vanish!" and crumple it all into a ball.



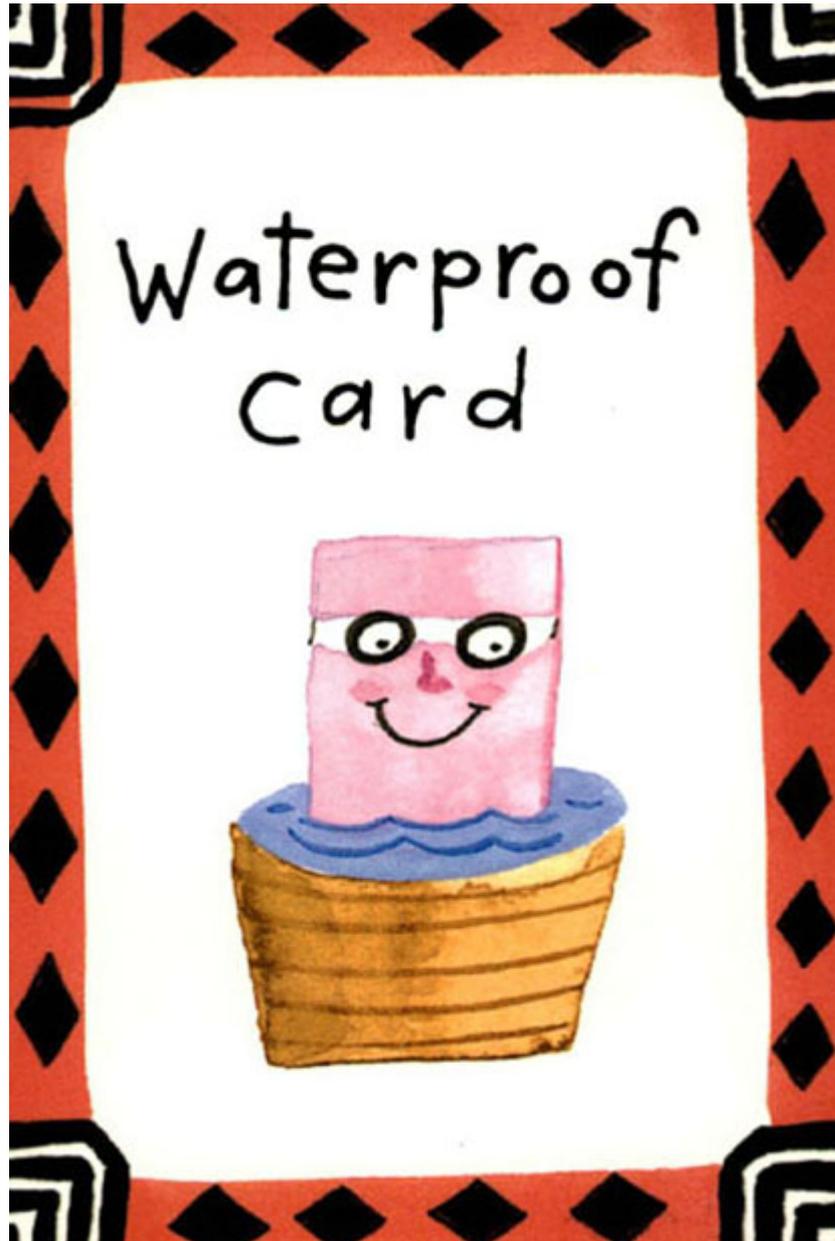
Unbreakable Egg

Materials: *Egg; Bowl*

Even your strongest friends won't be able to break an egg.

1. Place a raw egg across the center of a friend's palm and ask your friend to wrap his or her fingers around the middle of the egg and squeeze.
2. The egg is unbreakable!

3. After a few friends have tried it, crack the egg into a bowl, just to prove it's raw.

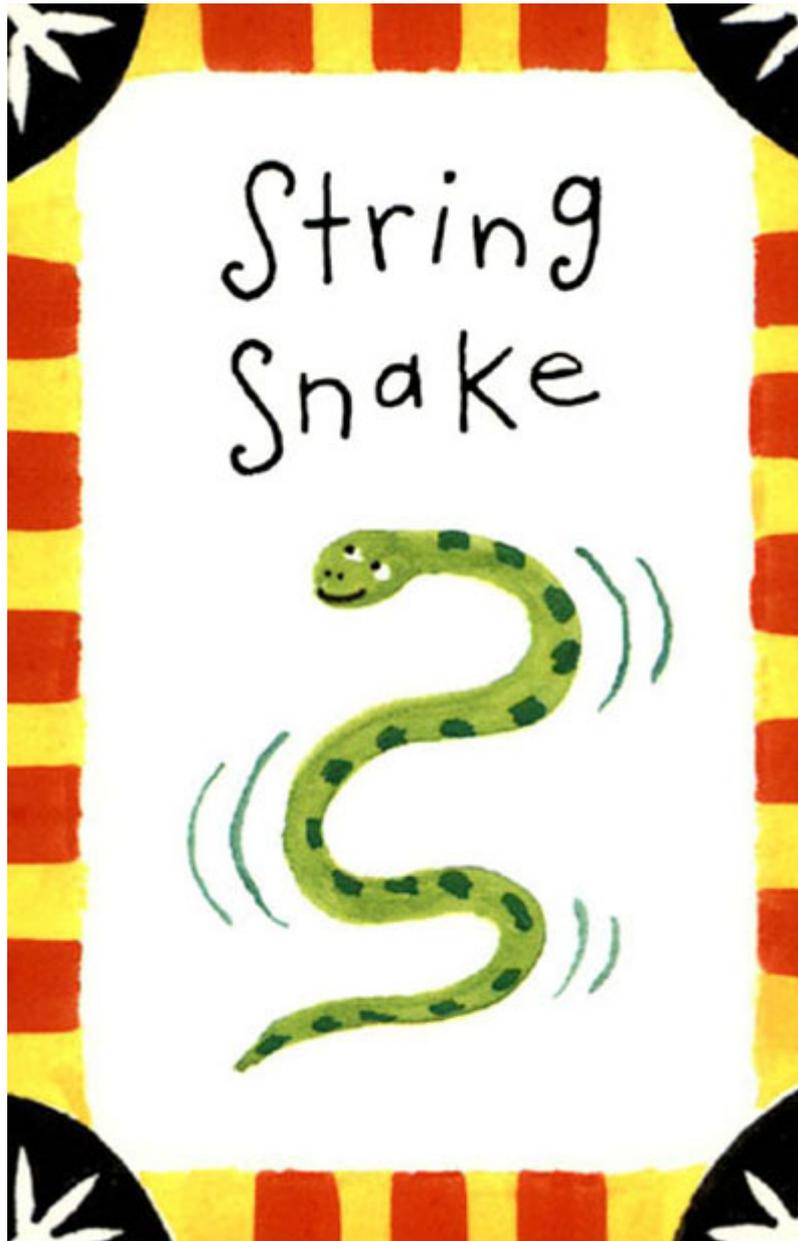


Waterproof Card

Materials: *Penny; Juice glass; Index card; Bowl*

1. Drop a penny into a very full glass of water. Lay an index card on top. Invert the glass over a bowl. Take your hand away and the card will stick to the glass.
2. Set the upside-down glass on the table and slide the card out. You'll have a penny on the table with an upside-down glass of water over it! Hide the card.

3. Now tell a friend that he can have the penny if he can get it out without spilling the water.
4. When he gives up, slide the card under the glass and slide both to the edge of the table. Get your hand under it and pick up the glass. Put it over the bowl. Let go of the card. Magic!

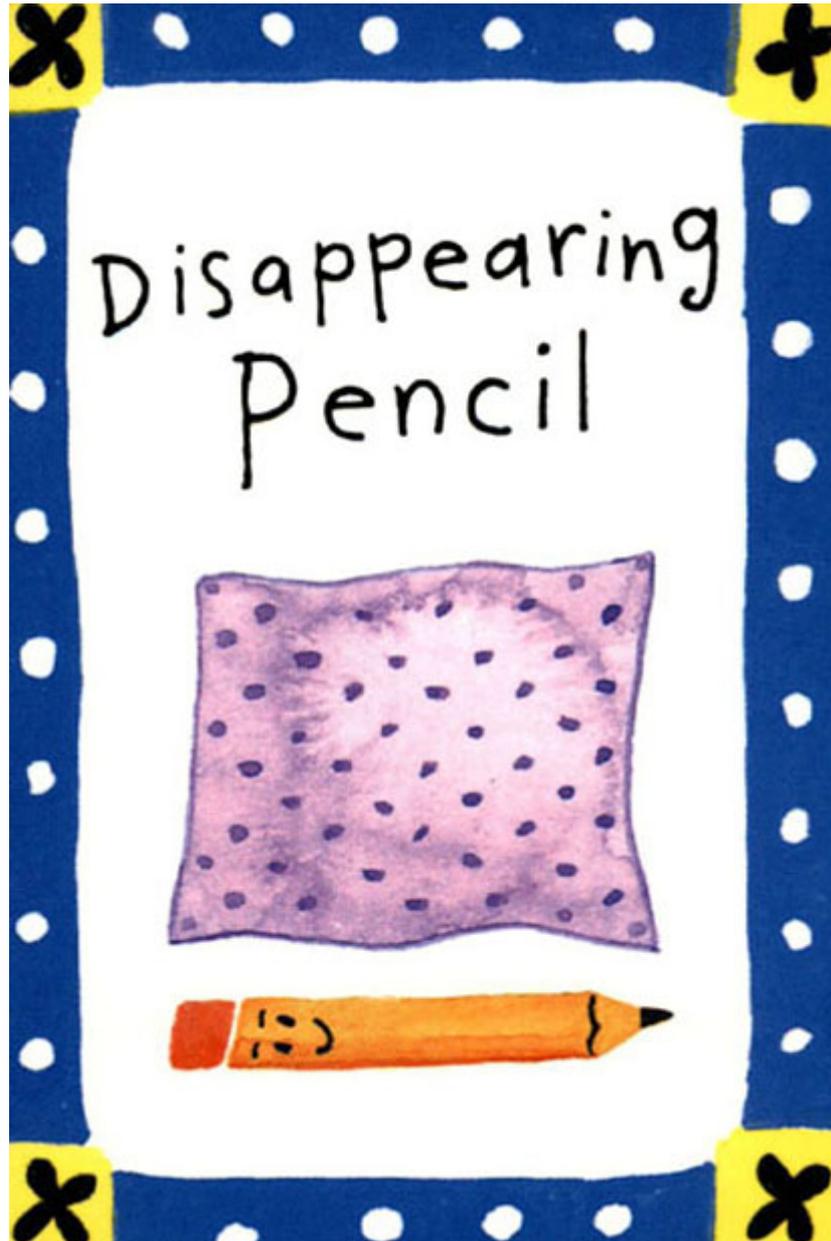


String Snake

Materials: *Plastic comb; 6-inch cotton kite string*

1. Run a comb through your hair several times. You can pretend that you just want to look neat before proceeding with your next magic trick.
2. Tell the audience they may have heard of cobra snakes in India that can dance to music. You have a string that can dance to music, an even tougher trick.

3. Hold the comb over the thin piece of cotton string. Start humming and watch the string jump up to the comb and “dance” as you move your comb back and forth.



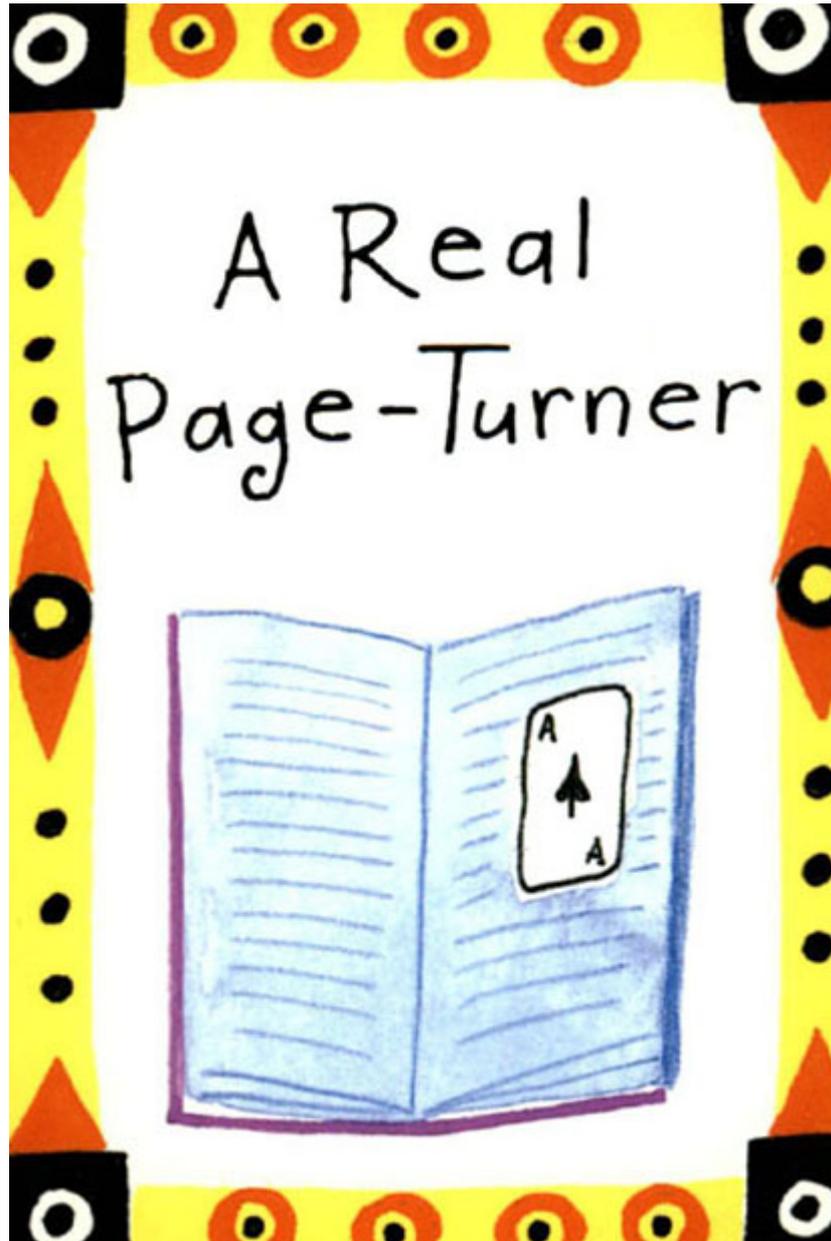
Disappearing Pencil

Materials: *Pencil; Bandana*

1. Hold up a pencil that's about the length of your index finger and a bandana for the audience. Tell the audience your magic bandana can make the pencil disappear.
2. Drape the bandana over the pencil. Extend your index finger straight up alongside the pencil. Lift your arm and

let the pencil slide into your long sleeve, keeping your finger up.

3. Say your magic words and tuck your finger back as you pull away the bandana. The pencil has disappeared.
4. You can make a magic wand or carrot vanish the same way. If you use a carrot, pretend you are trying to conjure a magic bunny. Then say he won't show himself, but he says thanks for the carrot.



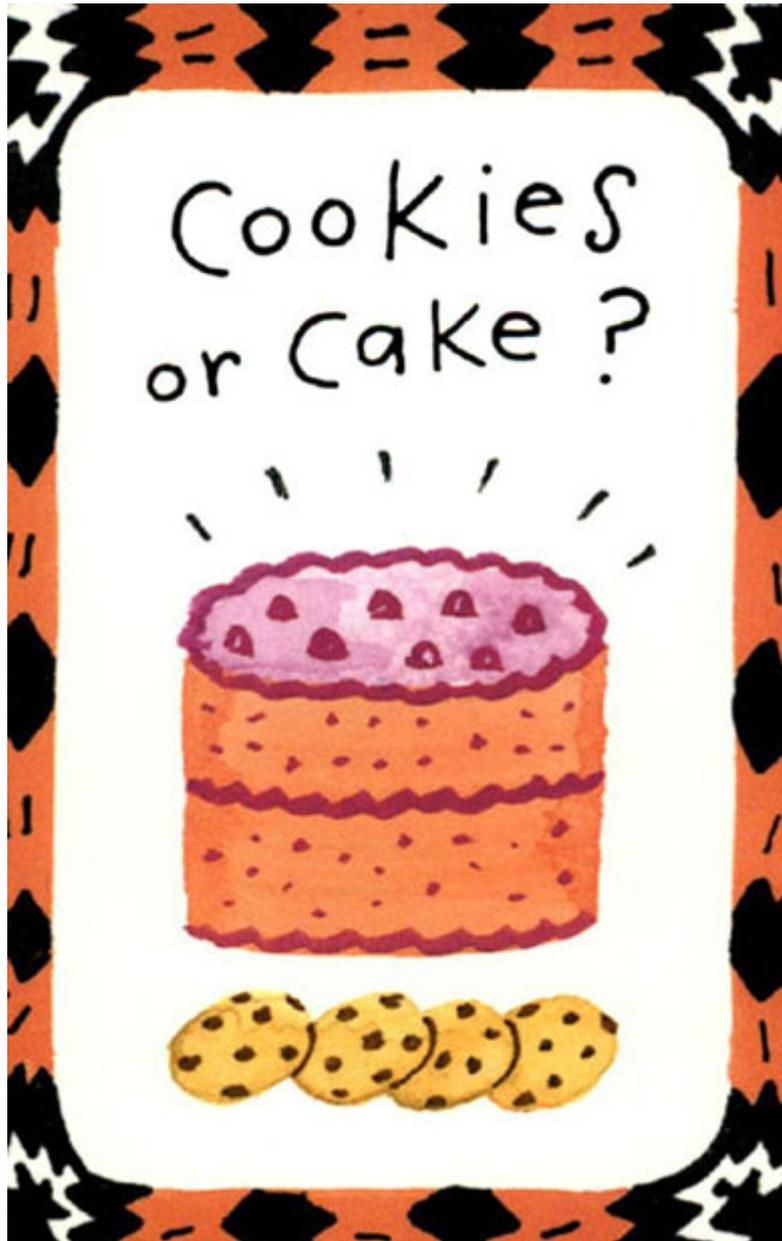
A Real Page-Turner

Materials: *Book; Index cards*

1. Open a thick book midway. Memorize the page number. Slip in an index card, letting it stick out a tiny bit.
2. Offer the other end of the book to a friend, keeping it closed. Ask her to slide an index card into the middle.
3. Hold the book up to your forehead to help you “concentrate.” As you bring it down to your lap, casually

turn it around, secretly pushing your friend's card out of sight.

4. Announce the page number where you hid a card and open the book to that page. There's "her" card!

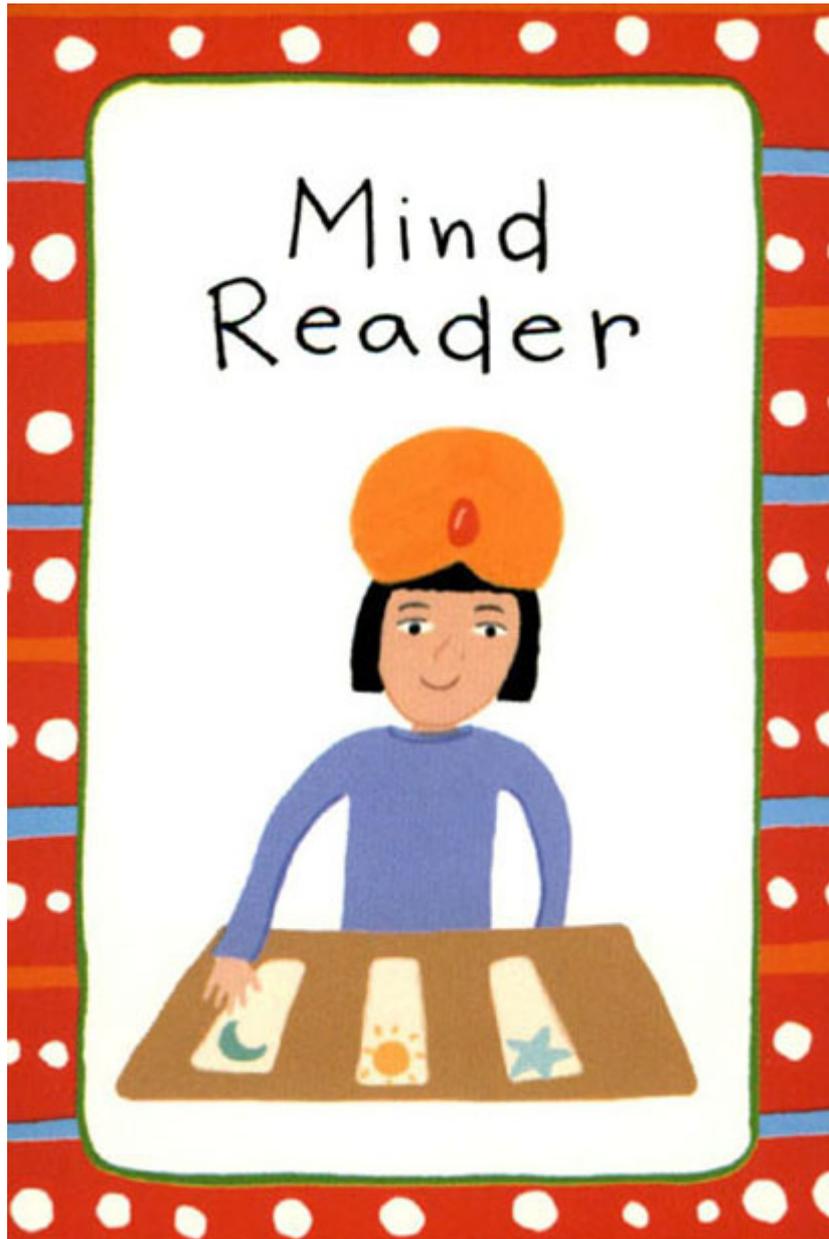


Cookies or Cake?

Materials: *Sheet of paper; Hat*

1. Fold a sheet of paper into thirds. Draw a big cookie on each of the outside thirds and a cake on the second third.
2. Tear the paper into thirds along the fold marks, and drop the scraps in the hat.
3. Hold the hat behind your back, and ask a friend whether they'd prefer cookies or cake.

4. If they say cookies, feel for a scrap with only one torn edge. If they say cake, feel for a scrap with two torn edges. Pull it out and make their wish come true.



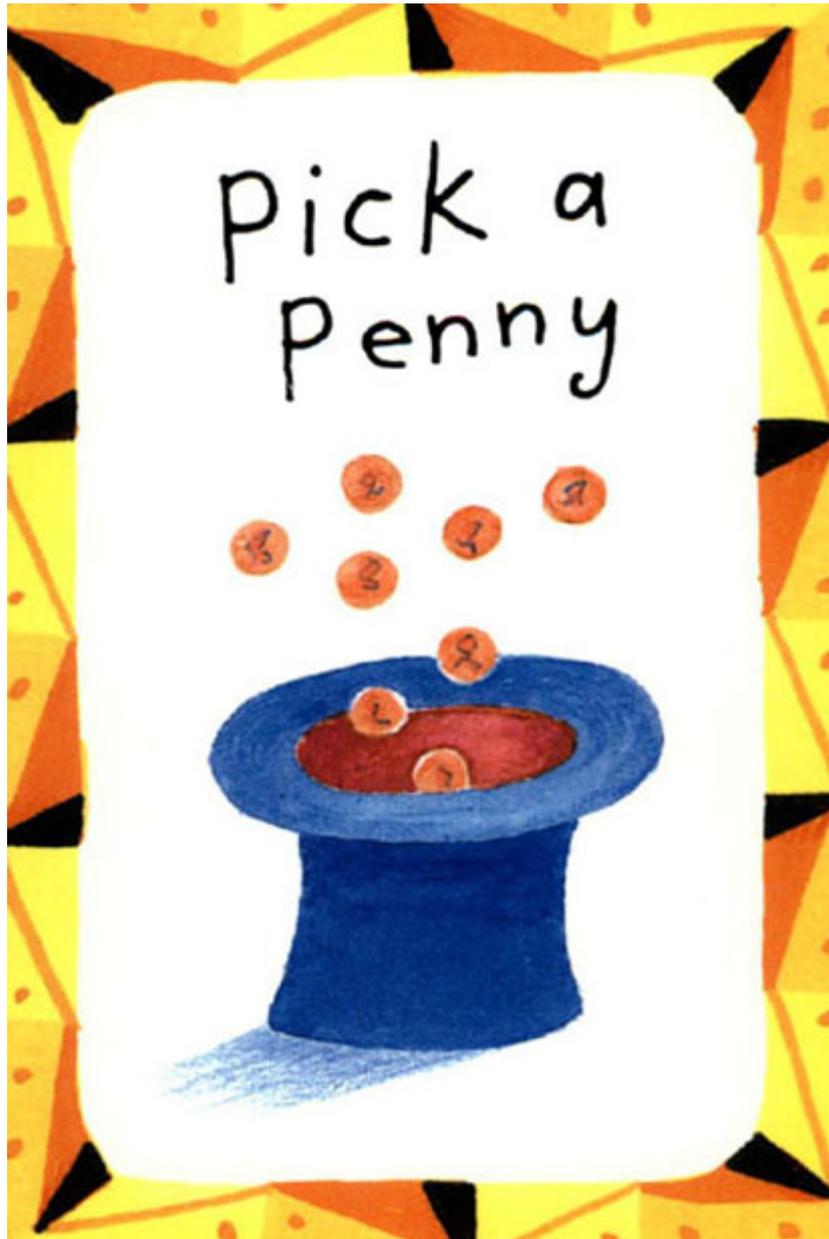
Mind Reader

Materials: *Index card cut into thirds; Pencil; Paper strip; Envelope*

Read your friends' minds.

1. Draw a sun on $\frac{1}{3}$ of the index card. On the back write, "You will pick the sun."

2. Draw a moon on another $\frac{1}{3}$. Now on the paper strip write, "You will pick the moon." Fold and tuck it in the envelope.
3. Draw a star on the last $\frac{1}{3}$. On the front of the envelope write, "You will pick the star." Put the cards in the envelope.
4. Show the flap side of the envelope to the audience, draw out the 3 cards and lay them on the table so the symbols are visible. Lay the envelope down flap up. Tell a friend to point to one of the cards. Whichever they point to, show them the matching hidden message. Don't reveal the other messages!



Pick a Penny

Materials: *Hat (or paper bag); 8 pennies*

1. Ask someone in a group of at least six people to pick one of the eight pennies from a hat. They should study it— noting the date and mint mark—and pass it silently to the others to examine. The last person passes it back down the line to the first person, who passes it to you.

2. Drop it in the hat. Tell your friends you know which penny was picked.
3. Put the hat behind your back and feel for the warmest coin. That will be the one your friend picked!



Academy Awards

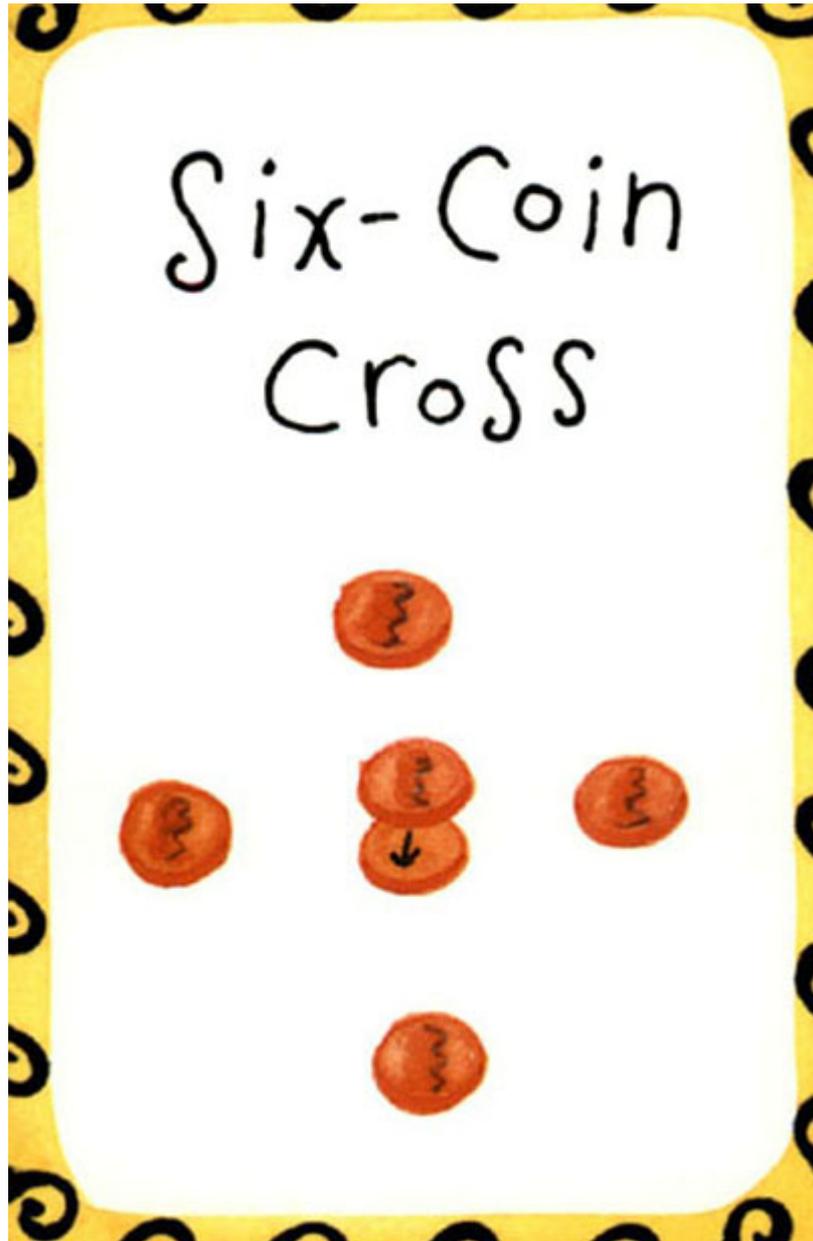
Materials: *Small sheets of paper; Pens; Hat or paper bag*

There really ought to be an Academy Award for best animated film character! Your friends vote and you guess the winner.

1. Ask a group of friends to tell you who should win the Academy Award for best animated character.
2. As your friends call out their “nominees,” write the first person’s choice on every slip of paper and drop it into the

hat.

3. When everyone has had a turn, tell them that you can guess the winner. Pretend to think hard and then call out the name of whoever was chosen first. Reach in, pull out a paper, and there's the Oscar winner's name for all to see!



Six-Coin Cross

Materials: *6 pennies*

1. Lay down six pennies and ask a friend to set them up in two rows of four pennies each.
2. They'll struggle until you put one penny on top of another and then place a penny on all four sides of the stack, making two rows of four pennies!

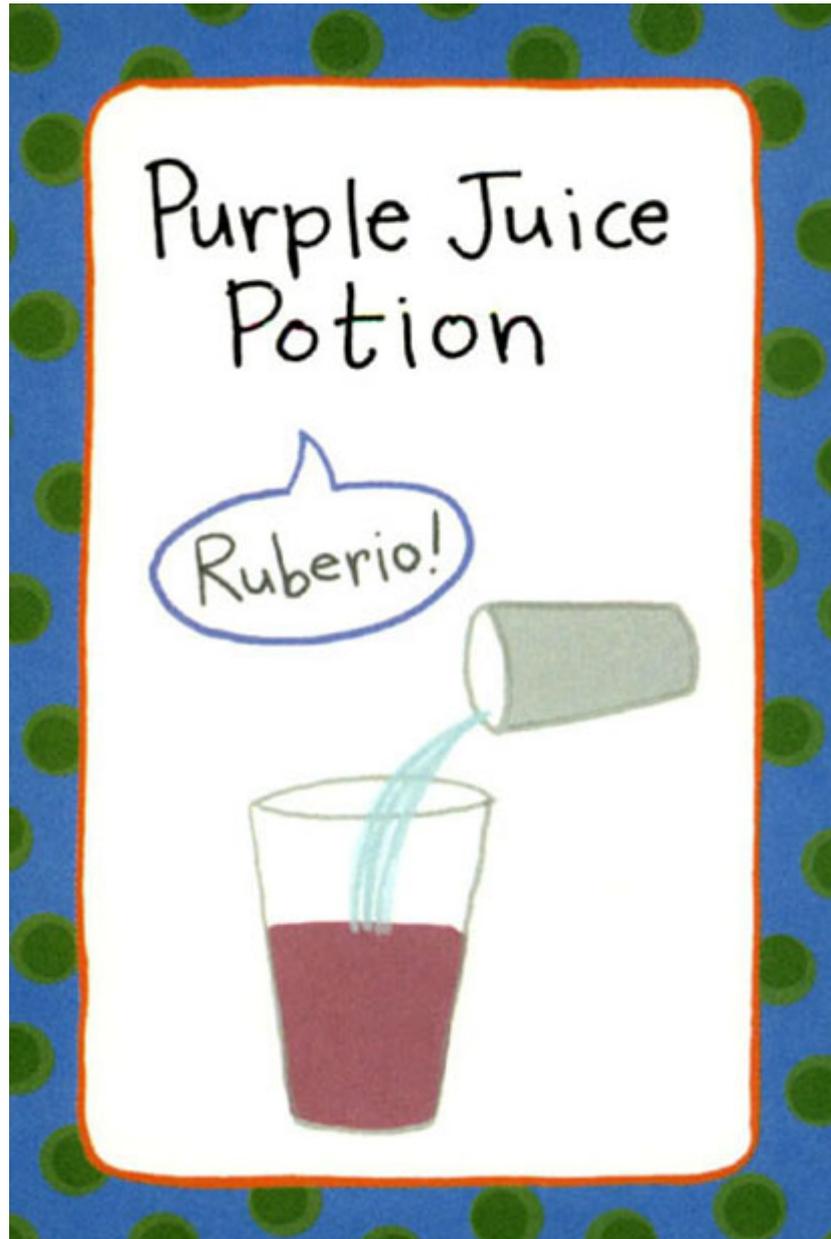


Vanishing Coin

Materials: *Rubber cement; Penny; Bandana*

1. Rubber cement a penny securely to the very corner of a bandana.
2. Fold the other corners into the middle, then fold in the corner with the coin.
3. Hold the folded bandana and ask your friends to feel the coin inside. Tell them you will make it disappear.

4. Open the bandana, holding the corner with the coin inside your hand. You can even wave the bandana around—no coin!



Purple Juice Potion

Materials: *Grape juice; Water; 3 to 4 glasses; White vinegar; Baking soda*

1. Half fill a clear glass with grape juice.
2. Fill three or four glasses with a few tablespoons of water.
3. Put the same amount of white vinegar in an identical glass.

4. Tell some friends you've found a magic word that gives plain water the power to turn things red. The magic word is Ruberio. Hand each person a glass of water. You keep the vinegar. Ask for a volunteer. Tell the volunteer to wave his hand over the cup and say, "Ruberio!" and pour his water into the grape juice. When nothing happens, say "No, you say it like this: Ruberio!" Invite another person to try. When everyone else has tried and failed, it is your turn. Ruberio!

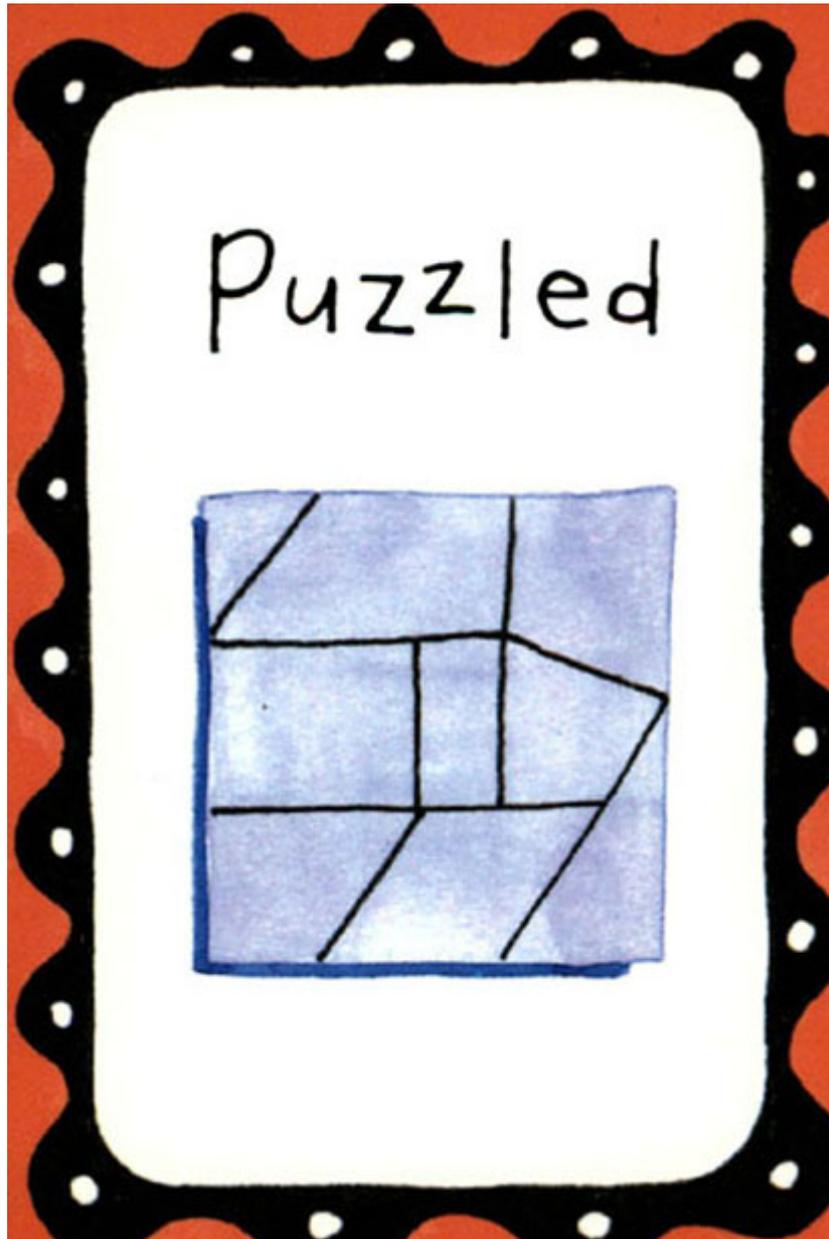


Pick a Card

Materials: *Deck of cards*

1. Flip the bottom card of a deck of cards face up.
2. Fan the deck and ask a friend to pick a card, being careful not to expose the bottom card. While he or she is memorizing the card, quietly flip the deck over.
3. Have your friend slide the card back into the stacked deck as you hold it pressed together.

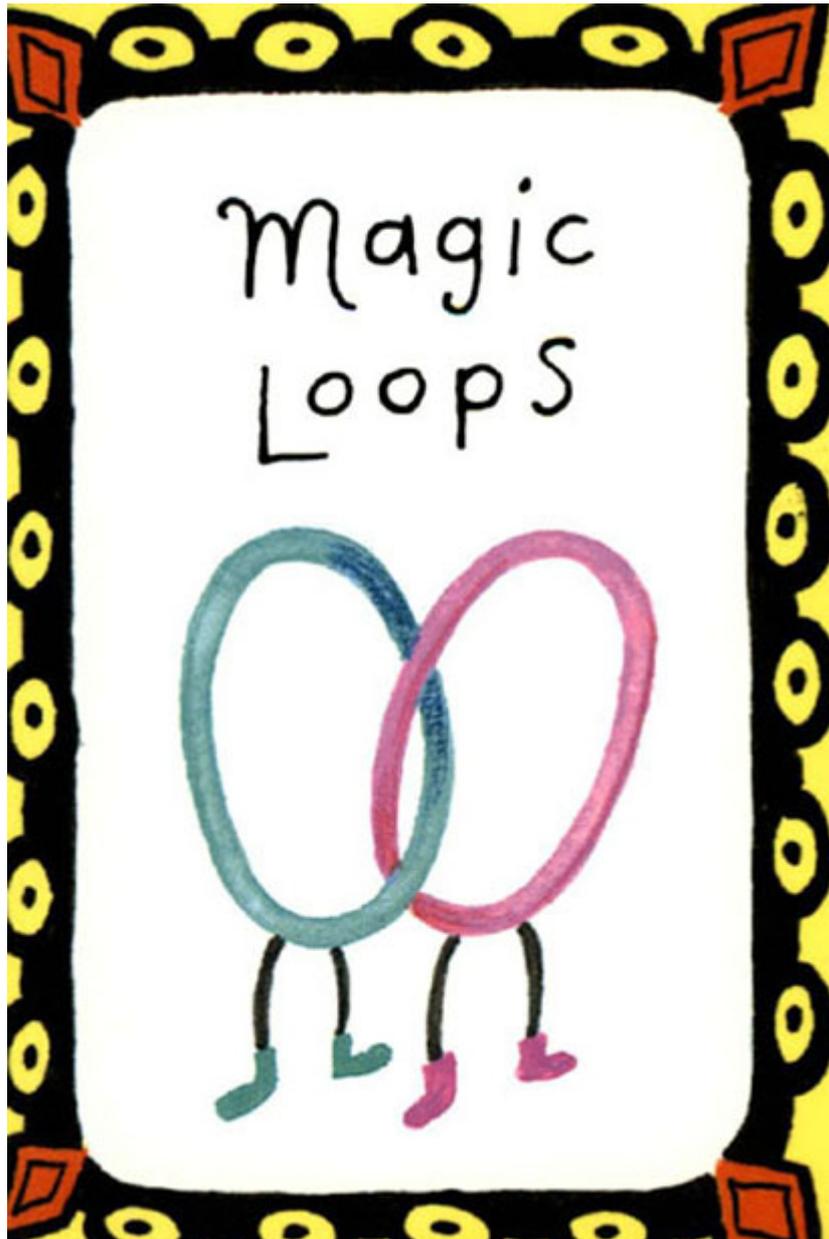
4. Turn your back, and you'll find your friend's card is the only one that's face down!



Puzzled

Materials: *6-inch square of light cardboard; Pencil; Ruler*

1. Using a pencil and a ruler, copy the square puzzle pattern on the other side of this card to your square of cardboard.
2. Cut the pieces apart, and ask your friends to try to put them back together into a square. It's tough!
3. Follow the guide, and easily put them back together.



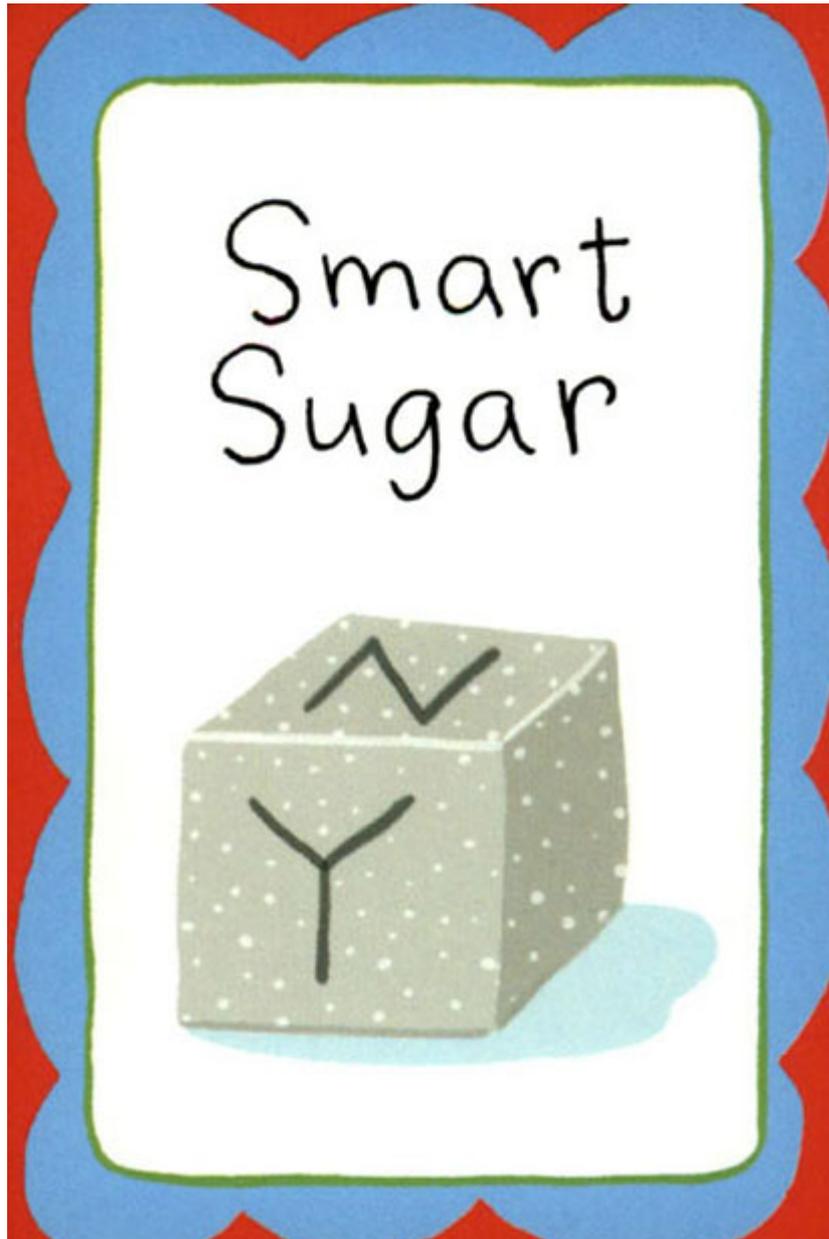
Magic Loops

Materials: *Paper; Scissors; Tape*

1. Cut a strip of paper at least two inches wide and three feet long. Twist one end over once and tape the two ends together.
2. Ask the audience what they think will happen when you cut this magic loop all the way down the middle lengthwise. When you finish cutting, the audience will

expect the loop to fall apart into two loops. Instead, it becomes one larger loop.

3. Cut that loop lengthwise down the middle and—
abracadabra!—you have two loops linked together.



Smart Sugar

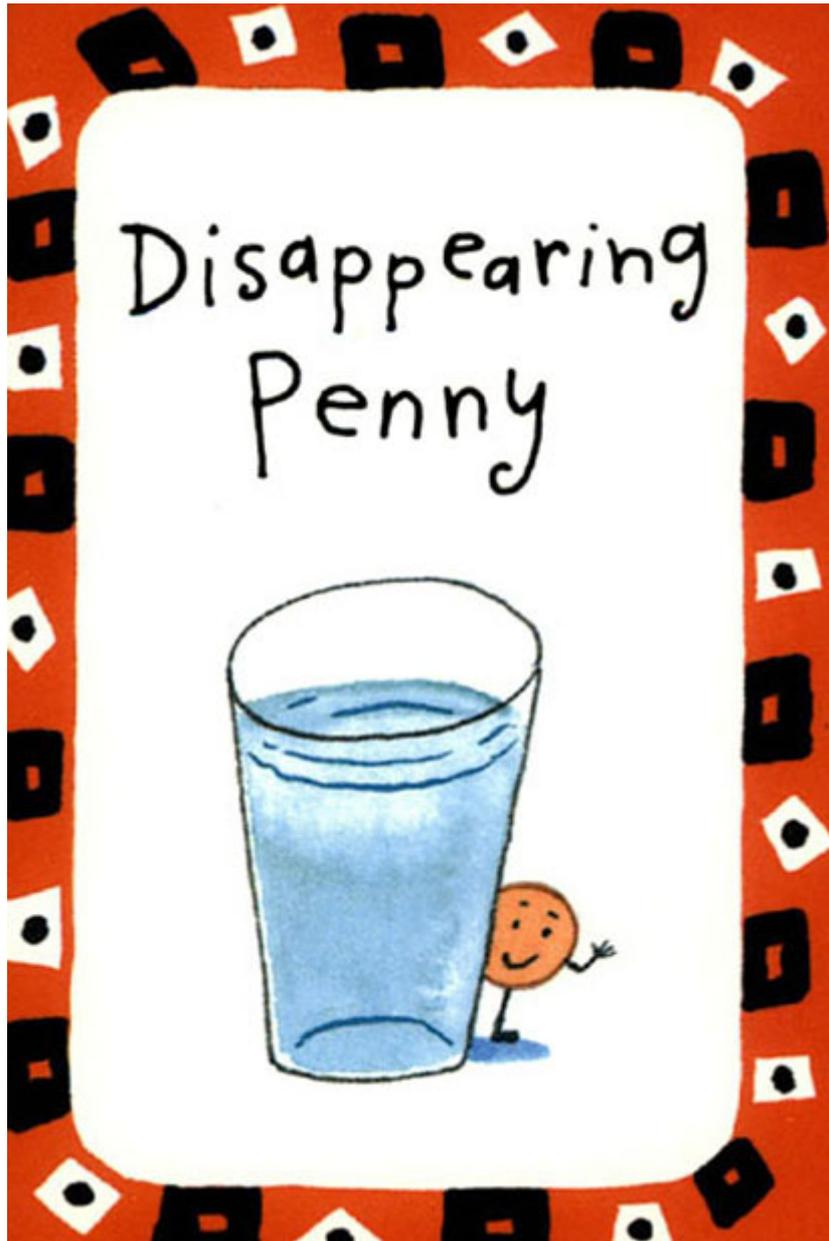
Materials: *Sugar cube; Pencil; Glass of water*

A sugar cube will magically answer questions.

1. Write a Y for yes on one side of the cube with the pencil, pressing hard. Write an N for no on another side.
2. Have a friend ask the sugar cube a yes or no question.
3. Grip the sugar cube with your thumb and one finger so the finger covers the Y or N and transfers it onto your

finger.

4. Say a magic word and toss the cube in the glass. Tell your friend to put his hand over the water for the answer. Pretend to adjust his hand to the right place and press the finger with the letter against his palm to transfer it there. Say another magic word and flip over his hand, revealing the answer.



Disappearing Penny

Materials: *Penny (or a stamp); Glass of water; Bandana*

Tell your friends, who should be sitting at least a few feet away, that you can make a penny disappear.

1. Show the audience a full, clear glass of water and a penny. Place the penny and glass on a table in front of you.

2. Place a bandana over the glass so that the entire glass is hidden. Slide the glass over the penny.
3. Remove the bandana, but cover the glass with your hand. Let them look through the glass's side but not the top. The penny has vanished! Tell the audience you can't let any "penny gases" escape or it will be impossible to bring the coin back.
4. Put the bandana over the glass, and slide the glass over. The penny reappears.

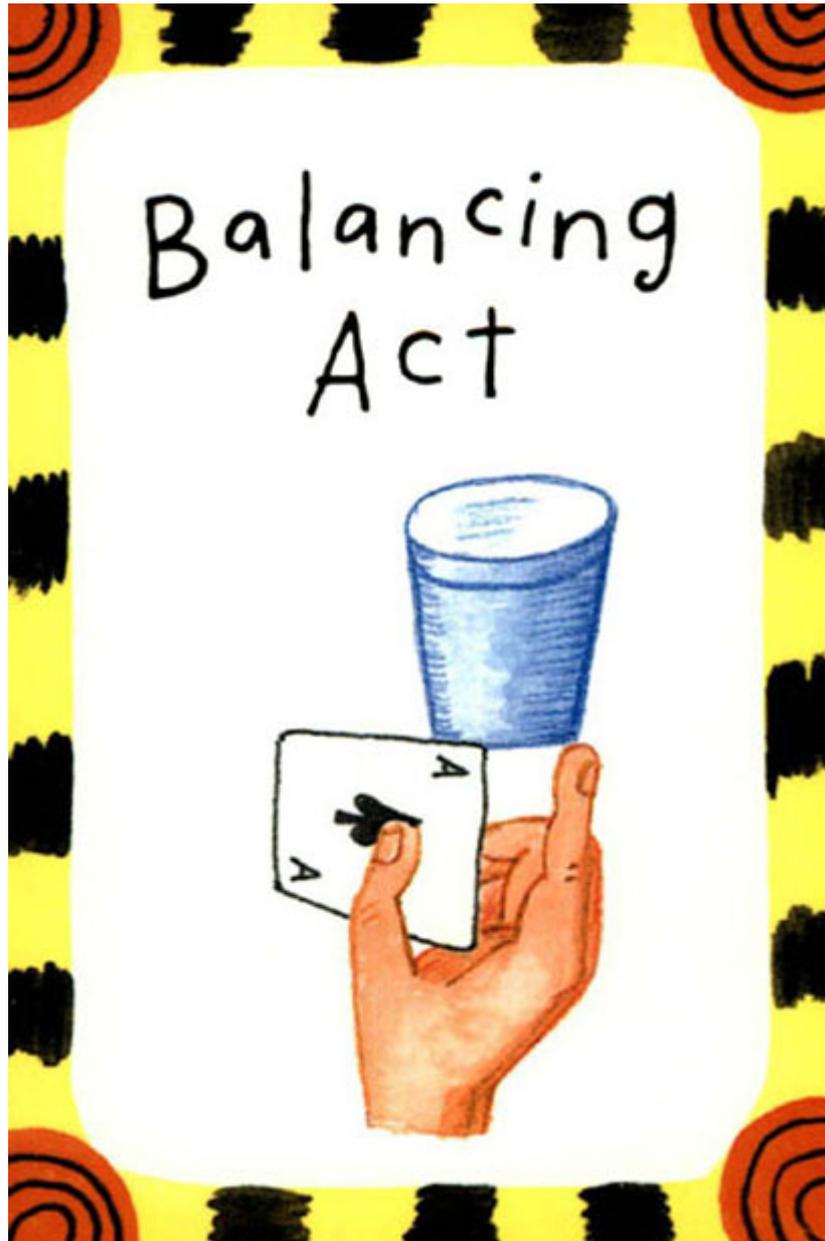


Disappearing Dime

Materials: *Paper cup; Scissors; Dime; Bandana*

1. Cut a piggy bank slot in the side of a paper cup, where the side meets the bottom.
2. Drop a dime into the paper cup. Shake it, so the audience can hear it rattling.
3. Put a bandana over the cup, and slip the dime out the slot.

4. Transfer the cup to the other hand. While the audience is watching the cup, hide the dime in your pocket.
5. Remove the bandana. Turn the cup upside down, hiding the slot with your hand. The dime has vanished!



Balancing Act

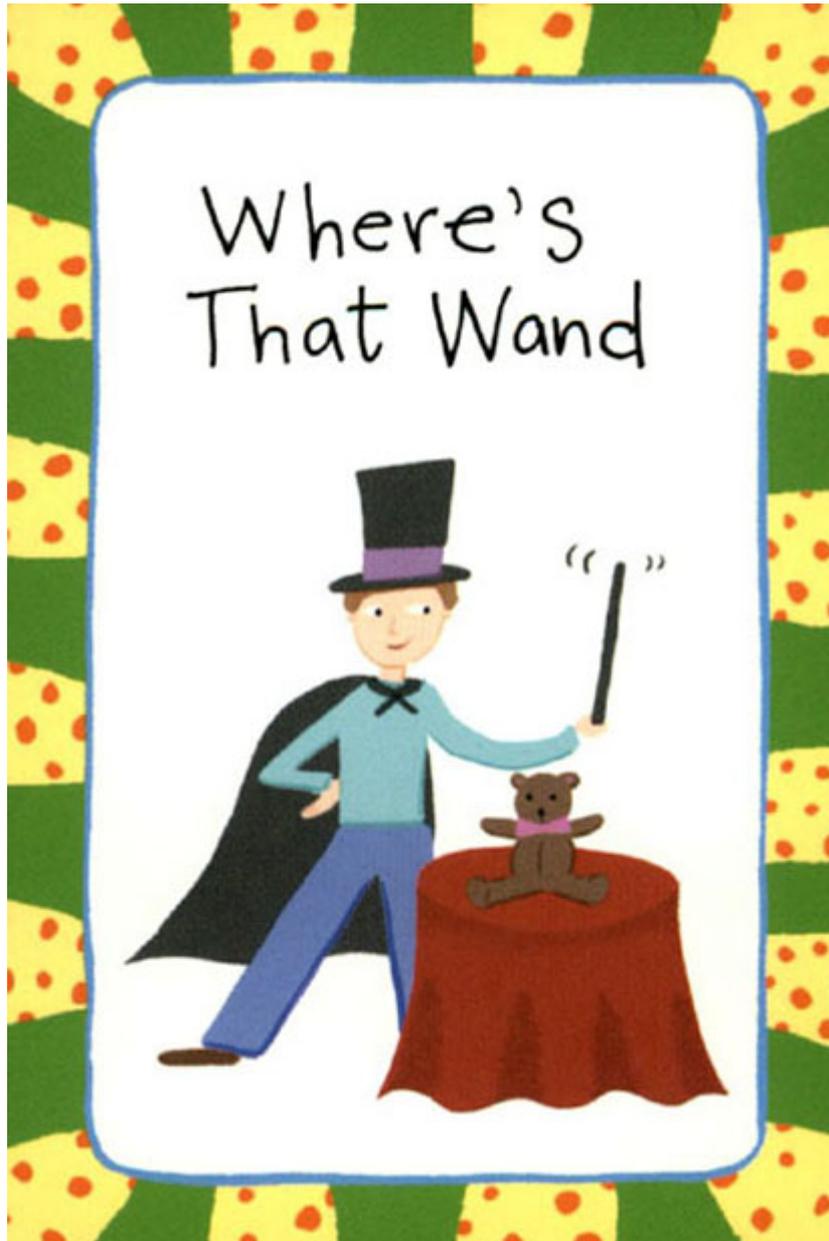
Materials: *Paper or plastic cup; Playing card*

Tell the audience you can balance a cup on the edge of a playing card.

1. Hold up a playing card on its side for the audience, between your thumb and third and fourth fingers, keeping your index finger pointing straight up behind the card, hidden from the audience.

2. Use your other hand to place an empty paper or plastic cup on the top edge of the card, using your extended finger to secretly help balance the cup in place.

Remember, practice makes perfect!



Where's That Wand

Materials: *Toy; Wand or Pencil*

1. Tuck your shirt into your pants. Set a toy on a table. Say, "I will make this toy vanish with three taps of my wand."
2. Slowly raise the wand high up and behind your head. Bring it down quickly, tap the toy, and say, "One!" Do the same and say, "Two!"

3. For the third tap, raise the wand as you did the first time, but this time put the wand tip into your collar, let go, and let it slide down your back into your shirt. Bring your hand down quickly and say, "Three!" Practice this tap so it seems just like the first two.
4. Oh, no! You made the wand vanish. Grumble to yourself: "I have to get that wand fixed. It keeps backfiring..."



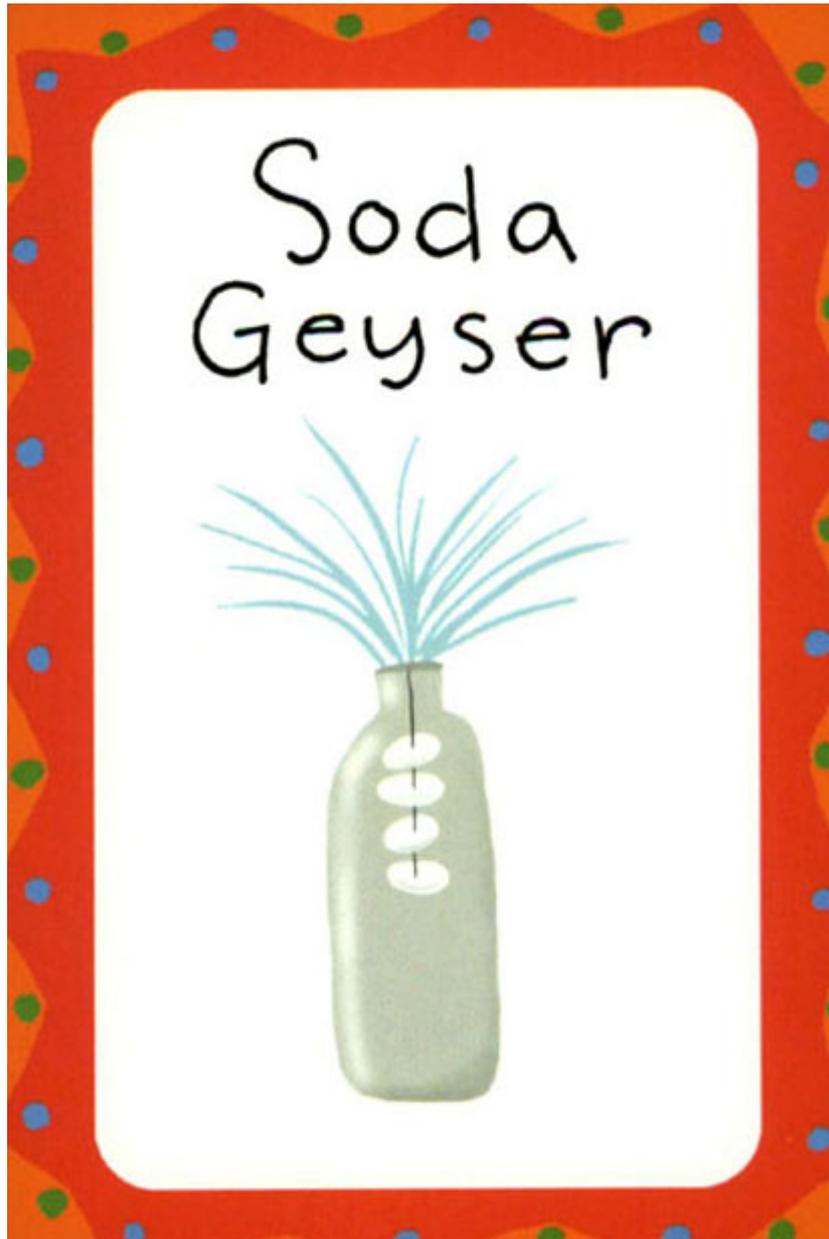
Bag of Tricks

Materials: *Brown-paper bag; Deck of cards; Penny*

1. Secretly place any playing card in a brown-paper bag.
2. Have someone pick a card from the same deck. Show it to the audience, then drop it in the bag. Add a penny.
3. Pull out the first card you hid in the bag, face down, hiding the penny behind the card you're pulling out.

Don't let the audience see what the card is. Slip the penny and the card into your pocket.

4. Ask the audience what is left in the bag (they'll say a penny).
5. Surprise the audience by pulling out your friend's card and turning the bag over—no penny!



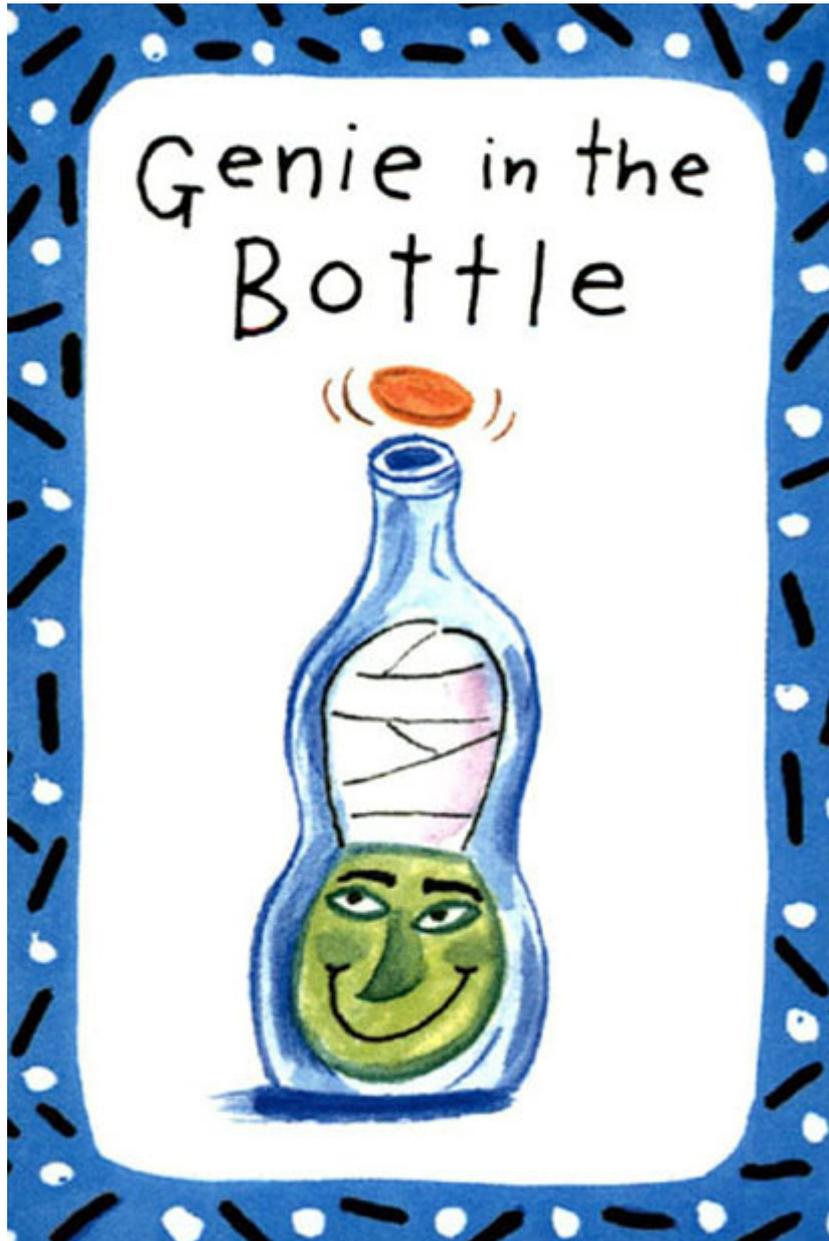
Soda Geyser

Materials: *Mentos candy; 2-liter bottle of soda; Paper*

With the help of an adult, make soda erupt from a bottle by dropping candy into it. All the Mentos have to go in at once.

1. Make a paper tube that just holds the Mentos. Hold it over the mouth of the soda bottle and let all the Mentos slide in. Stand back!

2. Make super geysers with the help of an adult by making a hole in the bottle cap. Using a needle and thread, string the Mentos. Put the long end of the string through the bottle cap. Pull it so that the Mentos are hanging directly under the cap. Put the cap back on without dunking the candy. Pour out some soda if necessary. When the cap is on tight, yank the thread to make the Mentos fall into the soda. Wow.

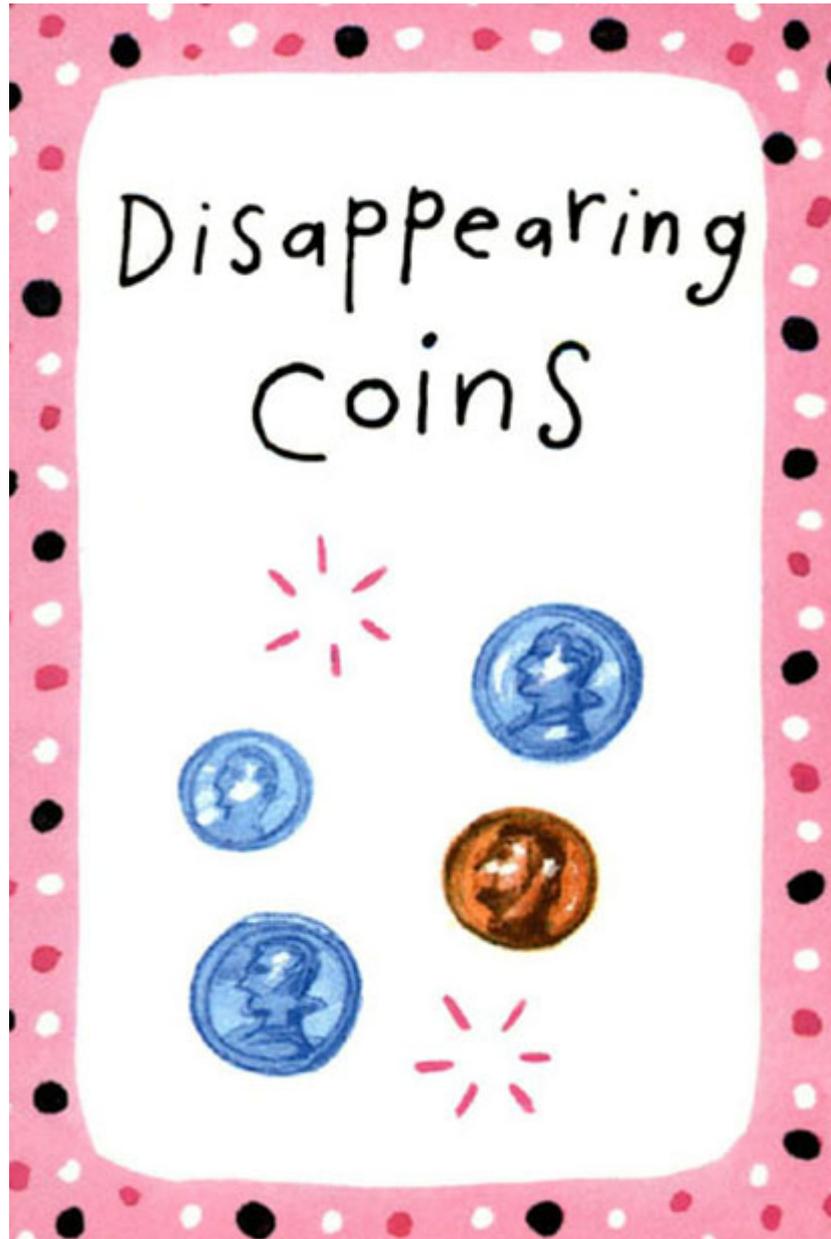


Genie in the Bottle

Materials: *16-ounce bottle of carbonated water; Baking soda; Dime*

1. Tell your friends you have a genie in a bottle of carbonated water. If you feed the genie, she will make a dime dance on top of the bottle.
2. Pour a tablespoon of baking soda in the water, and ask the genie to make the dime dance. Immediately lay a dime on

the mouth of the bottle. Watch it move!

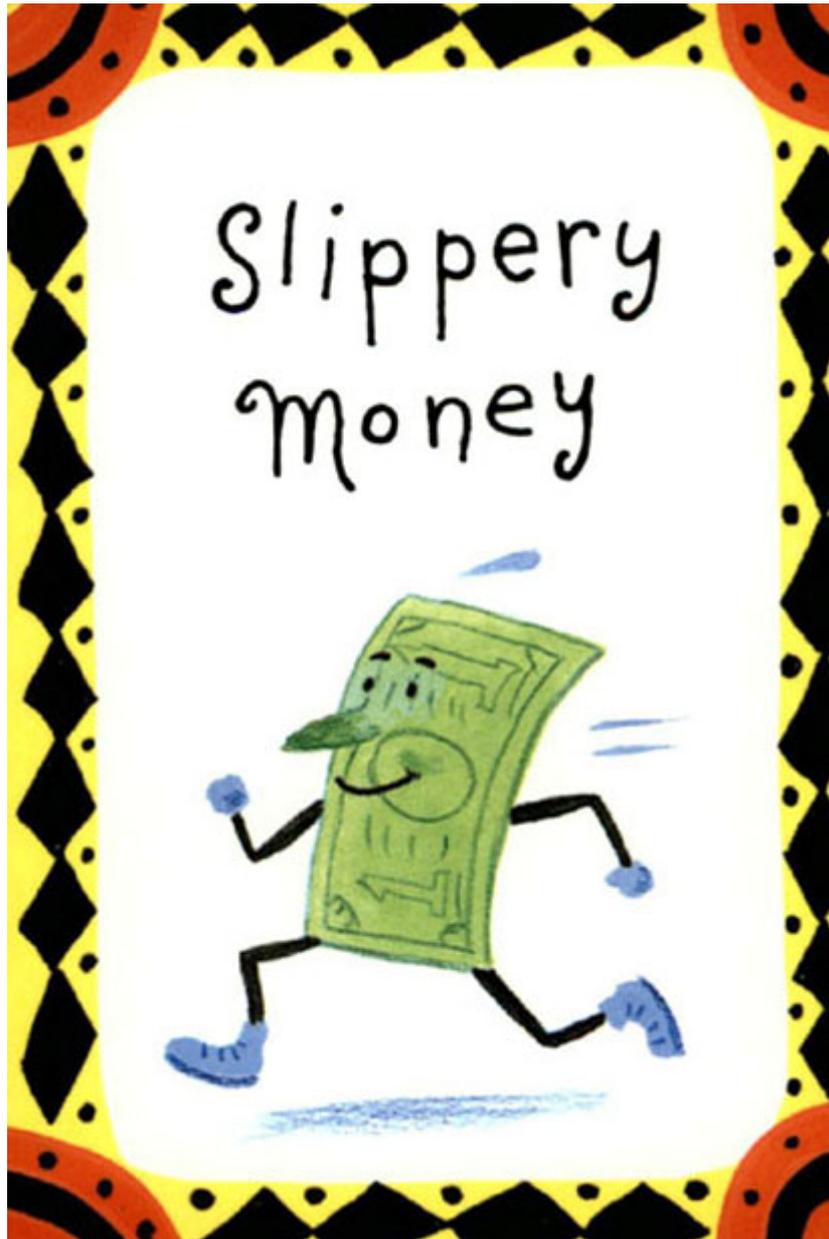


Disappearing Coins

Materials: *Sandwich bag; Coins; Tape; Long-sleeved shirt with loose sleeves (dress shirt)*

1. Tape a small plastic sandwich bag with four coins in it to your right forearm. Put on a long-sleeved shirt.
2. Tell the audience you have several coins in your right fist. Shake your fist, making the coins in the bag jangle.

3. Ask a friend in the audience if he or she would like the coins in your hand.
4. They'll be surprised when you open your hand and there's nothing inside!



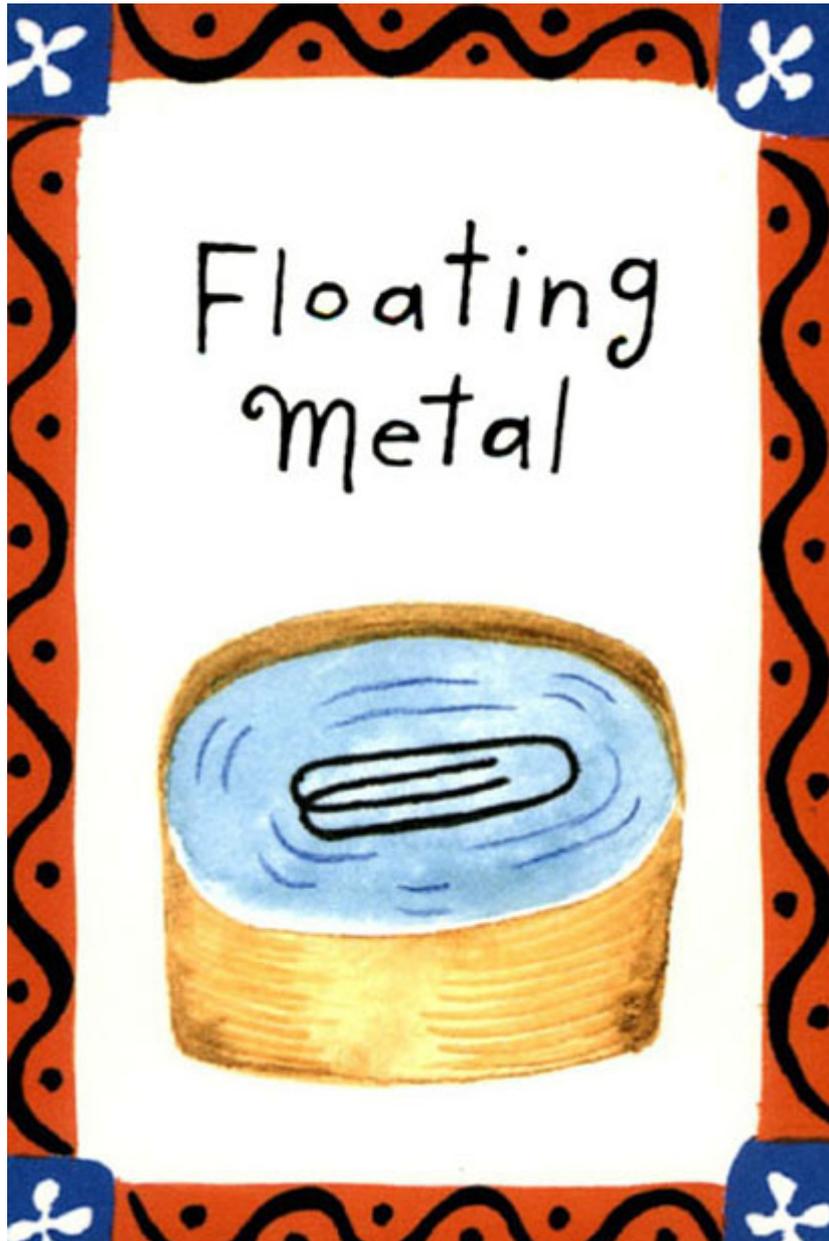
Slippery Money

Materials: *Dollar bill*

1. Challenge a friend to grab a new, unwrinkled dollar bill when you drop it between his waiting fingers. You can even tell him he can keep it if he can catch it.
2. Holding the bill lengthwise from one end, dangle it between your friend's thumb and forefinger—so he'll be

ready to pinch it. But he can't try to snag it until he sees you let go. He won't be able to get it.

3. If you do this trick to yourself, however, you'll be able to grab that money with no problem.



Floating Metal

Materials: *Bowl of water; Toilet paper; Paper clip*

Ask for a couple of volunteers to come up and try to make a paper clip float. They'll try, but it's almost impossible.

Tell the audience you can make metal float.

1. Gently place one sheet of toilet paper on the water's surface in a bowl. Then place a paper clip carefully on

top of the paper.

2. The toilet paper will sink, but the paper clip will remain floating.



Magic Number

Materials: *Pencil; Paper*

1. Ask a friend to think of any number between one and one hundred.
2. Have her double it, add ten, and divide that number by two.
3. Then she should subtract her original number.

4. Bet that you can guess your friend's number. It will always be five!

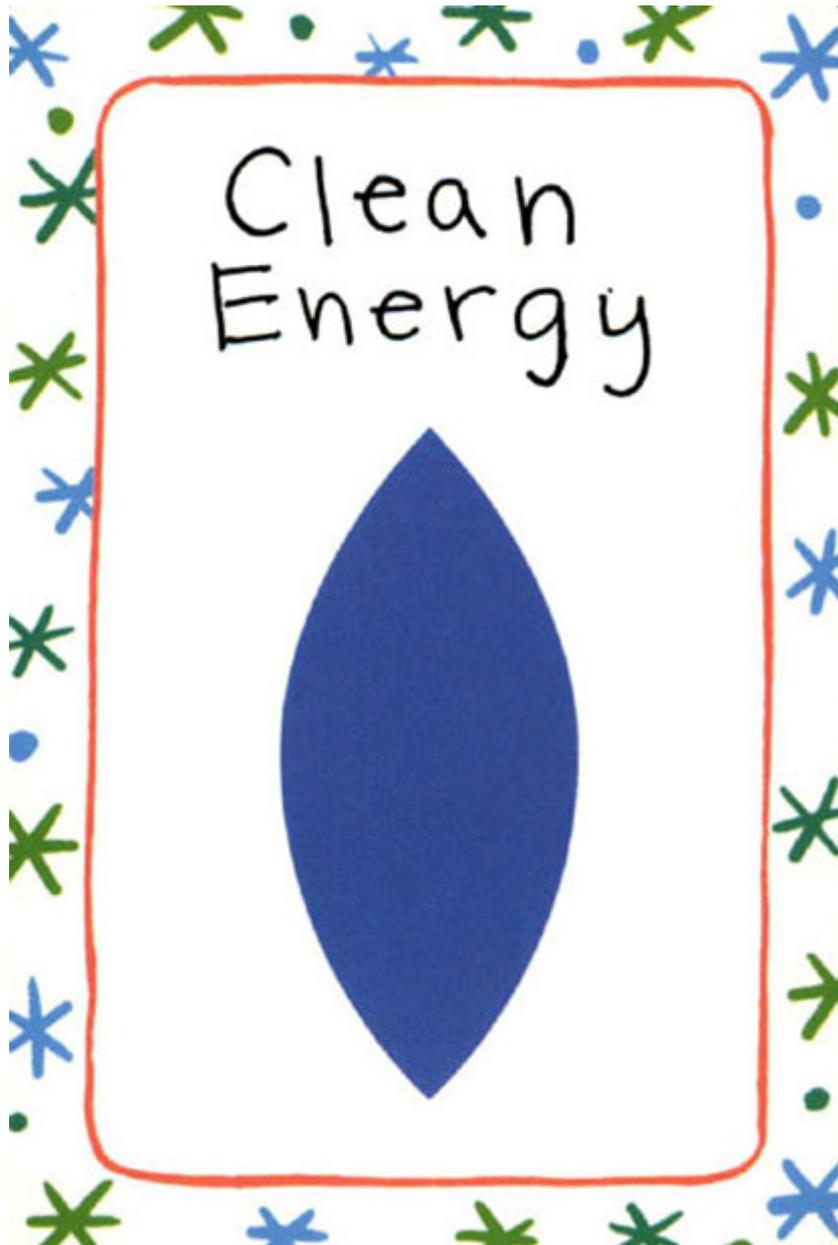


Strong Paper

Materials: *2 books of similar width; Sheet of paper; Small paper cup, half full of water*

1. Put a sheet of paper on top of two books that have been laid flat and set six inches apart.
2. Ask your friends if the paper “bridge” can hold a cup of water. They’ll probably say no.

3. By carefully folding the paper into accordion pleats—make at least 10 folds—it becomes very strong. Set the folded paper on top of the books, and put the paper cup on it. No spills, no sweat.



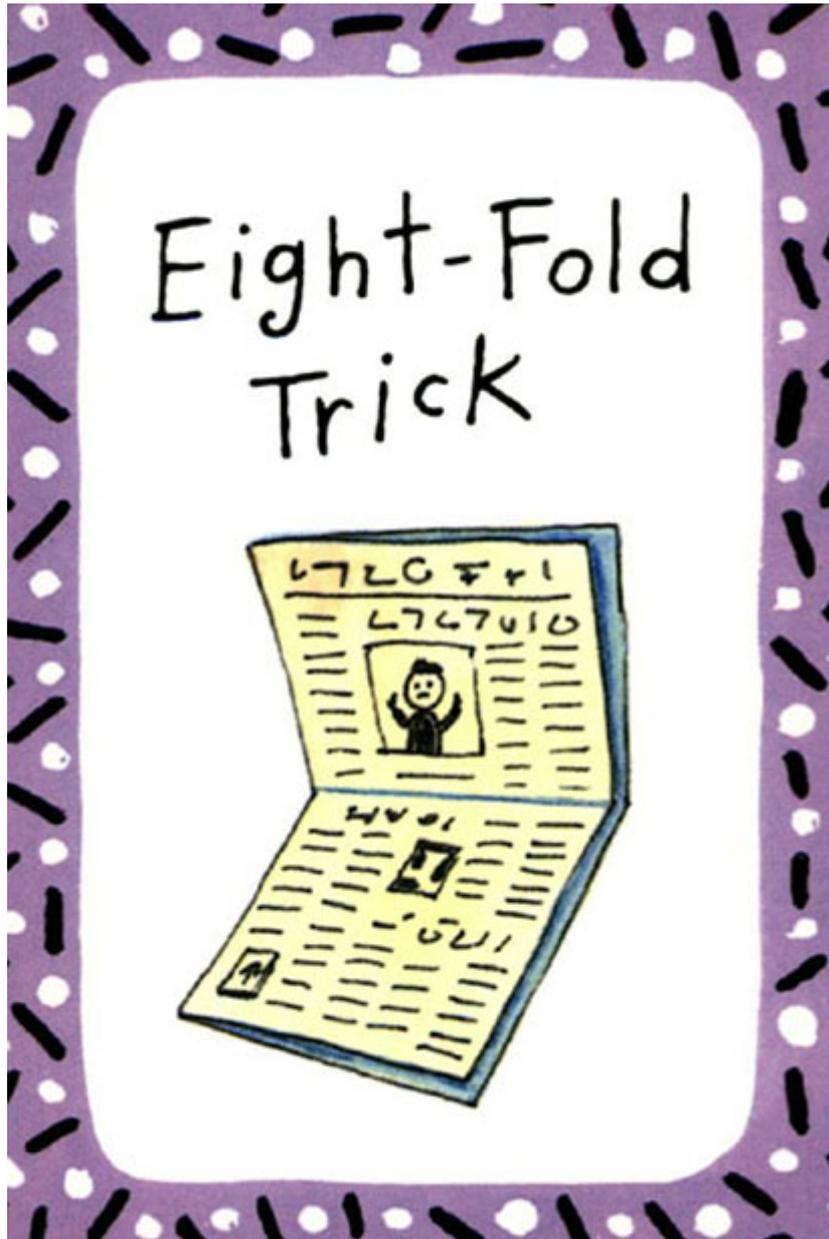
Clean Energy

Materials: *Old plastic-coated playing card; Scissors; Baking pan; Water; Dish soap*

Surprise your friends with an alternative to gasoline.

1. Draw a boat (like the one on the reverse of this card) on the card and cut it out.
2. At the back of the boat, cut a piggy bank-sized slot.

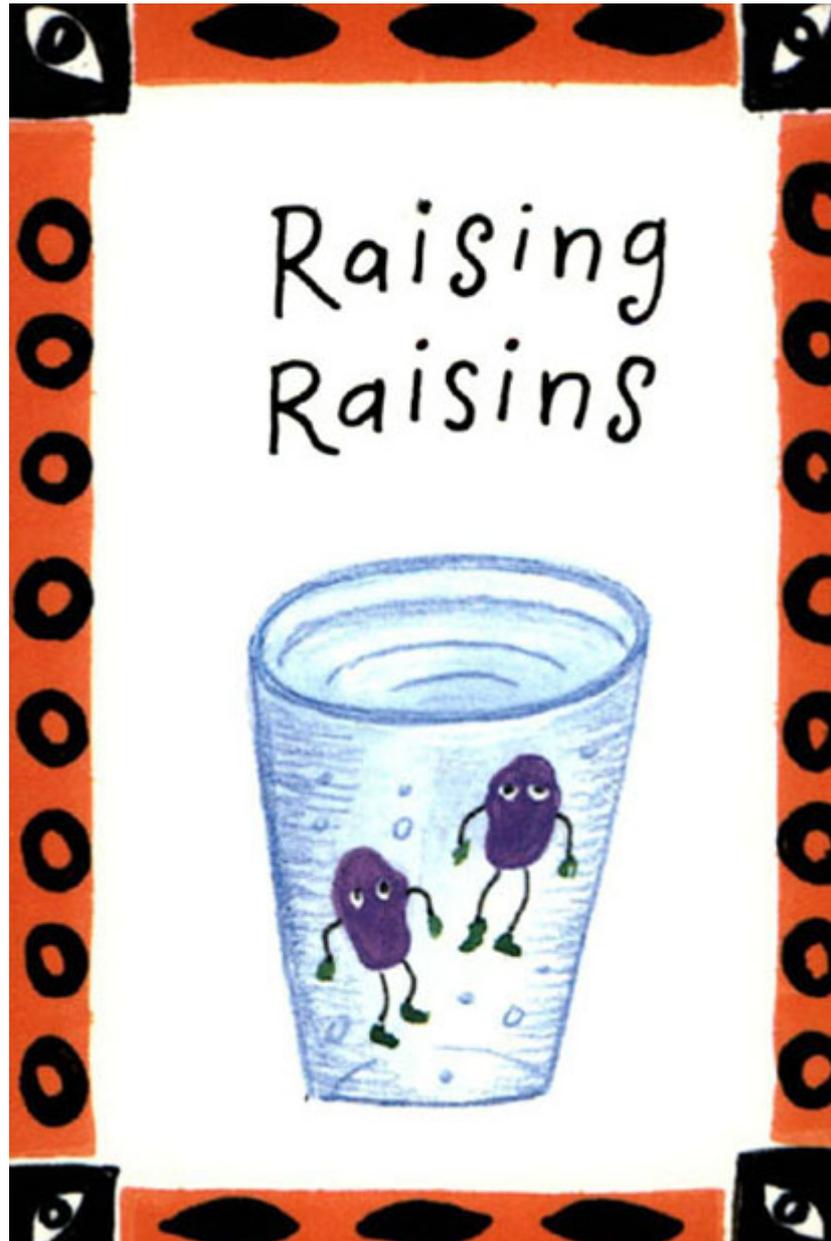
3. Fill a long baking pan with water. Put your boat at one end of the pan.
4. Carefully squeeze some dish soap into the slot. The boat will zoom across the pan. Then say, “Dish soap is the very cleanest source of energy.”



Eight-Fold Trick

Materials: *Double sheet of news-paper; Bed sheet; Large piece of paper*

1. Hold up any one of the above items. Fold it in half once, then fold it in half again.
2. Challenge your strongest friends to fold it in half just six more times. It sounds easy, but it's impossible!

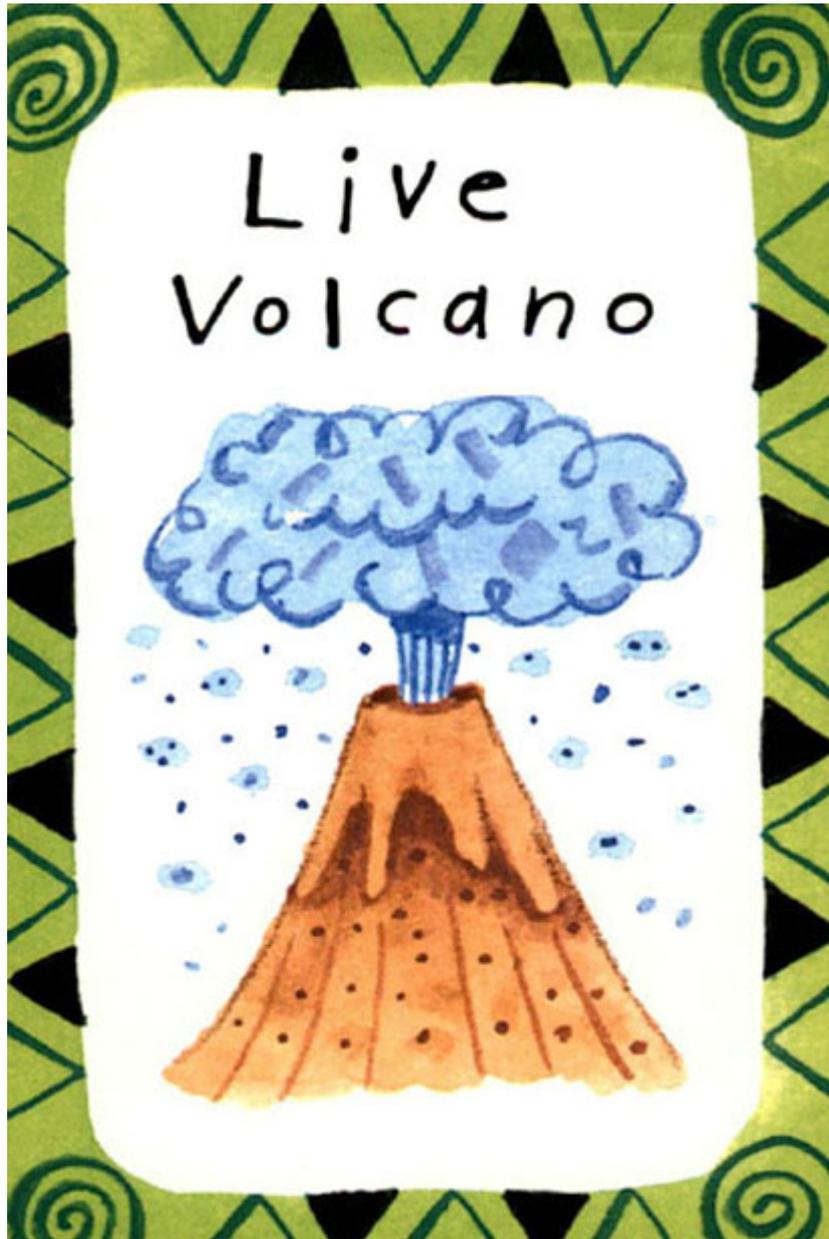


Raising Raisins

Materials: *Glass of carbonated water or soda; Raisins*

1. Drop a handful of raisins into a tall glass of carbonated water or soda. Tell your friends you can make the raisins obey your commands.
2. Wait until the bubbles begin to collect around the raisins. Point vaguely to the raisins, saying, “Up” and “Down.”

The raisins will “follow” your commands for quite a while.



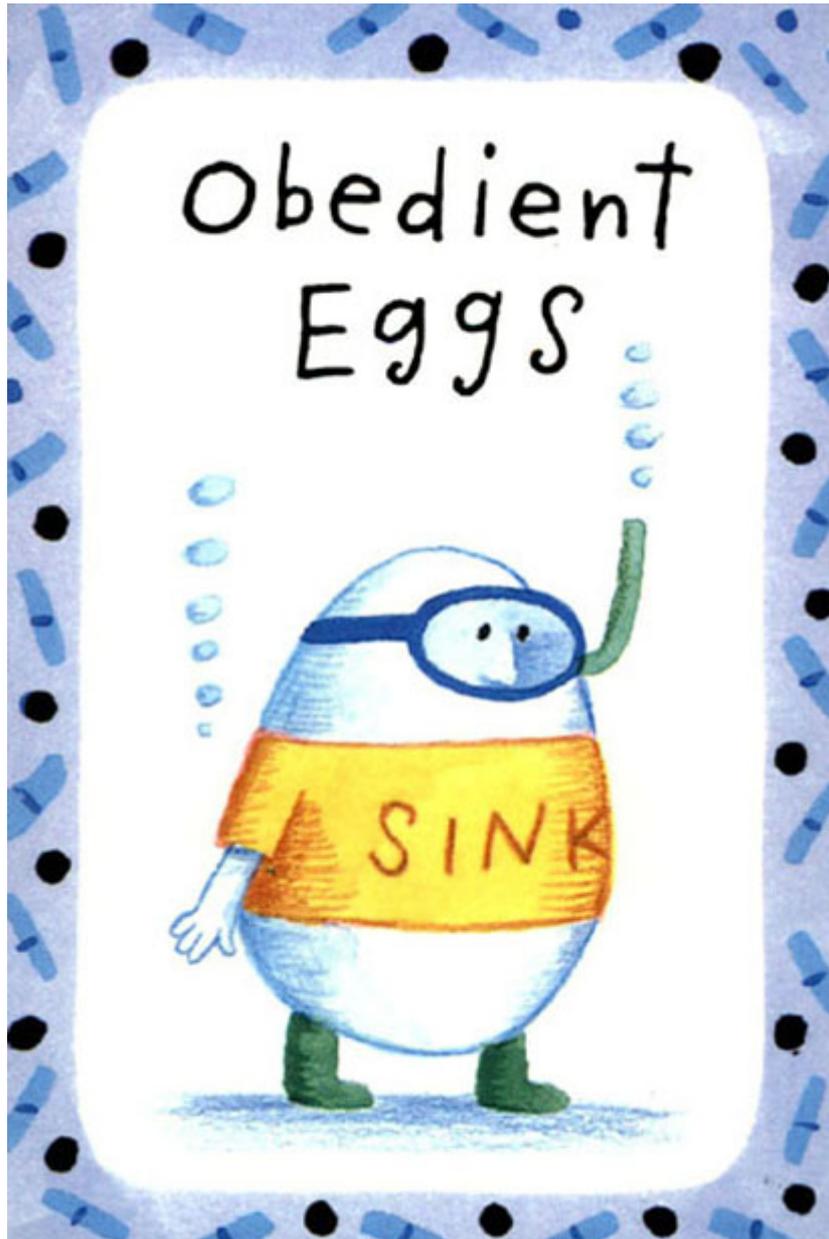
Live Volcano

Materials: *Clean cardboard frozen-juice can; Scissors; ½ cup hydrogen peroxide; ½ tablespoon fast-acting yeast; Metal spoon*

This is a project to do outside.

1. Cut two inches off the open end of the juice container.

2. Bury the can up to the opening in a mound of dirt, but don't get any dirt inside the can.
3. Pour the hydrogen peroxide into the can. Add the yeast. Quickly stir well with the metal spoon.
4. The volcano's lava will start to bubble up and overflow out of the top of your volcano. Put your hand just over the lava and feel the warmth. Dip your fingers into the mouth of the volcano (if you dare!) to feel the hot lava.



Obedient Eggs

Materials: 2 eggs; 2 water glasses; Marker; Sugar

1. Put four tablespoons of sugar into a glass of water. Stir well to dissolve. Fill another identical glass with water, and set the two side by side for a while, remembering which glass has the sugar in it.
2. Have a member of the audience write FLOAT on one egg and SINK on the other. Drop the SINK egg in the plain

water, the FLOAT egg in the sugar water.

3. Watch the eggs follow your friend's command.

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