

Magic Mini Camp: PAPER MAGIC

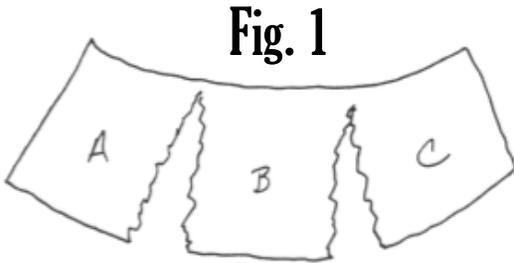


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The Paper Bet

Magician makes a friendly bet that can't tear a piece of paper evenly to accomplish this challenge. It sounds very simple but try as they might they can't do it. Then they challenge the magician to do what appears to be impossible and sure enough the magician does the IMPOSSIBLE!!

THE SECRET: Take a piece of paper and tear it as in Fig. 1. Then bet your friend that they can't pull apart pieces A&C fast enough to free piece B to fall to floor. This is basic physics, no matter how hard you try there is no way to do it. No matter how fast or slow they pull piece B will stay attached to piece A or C. There is only one way to accomplish this....before you pull the two end pieces, hold the middle piece between your lips. In this way you can tear B away from A&C then let B drop from your lips to fall to the floor.



IMAGIC-NATION BREAK Another way to do this is pre-tear the strip completely through on one side. Then when you show how you hold the one torn piece as if it's still attached. Pull to rip the attached side then let the middle piece drop to the floor.

Four Cards In One

Magician show a one card with spots on it like a dice. At first, it has one spot he turns the card over to show 4 spots. But then he turns over the card again and instead of one spot it now has 3 spots. Again when the magician turns over the card it now has 6 spots. Four different outcomes with a card that only has two sides.

THE SECRET: This is a special card dots are placed on each side of the card arranged just like the drawing in Fig. 2. To make the different numbers you simply hold your fingers in the places as shown in Fig. 3. Each time turning over the card. This gives the illusion of four different numbers on a two sided card. As people watch they assume there is a spot where your finger is for 3 & 6.

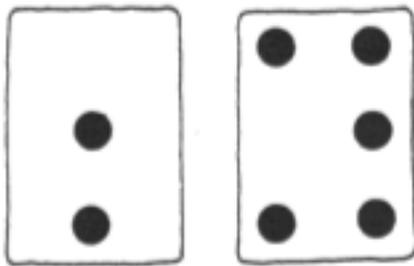


Fig. 2

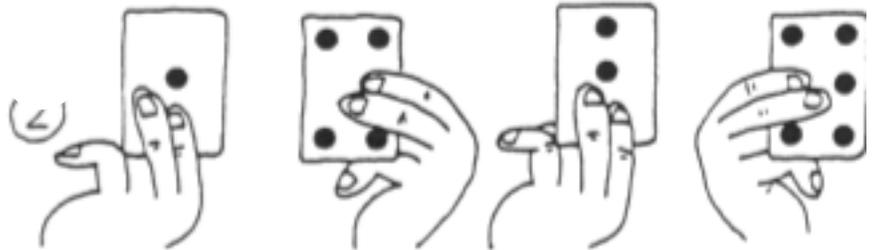


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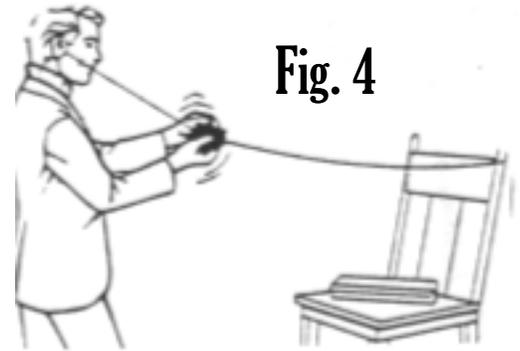
IMAGIC-NATION BREAK To really confuse your audience have a duplicate card in your pocket with 3 and 6 spots. When you're done with the trick put the card in your pocket. They will ask to see the card...when they do give them the other card to examine!

Floating Ball of Paper

The Magician takes a piece of newspaper and crumples it up. Then she/he makes a magic pass over the ball. She/he lets go of the paper ball and it is seen floating in mid air. The magician grabs the paper and un-crumples the newspaper the audience is free to examine everything.

THE SECRET: This wonderful illusion is accomplished with 4 feet of black thread. Tie one end of the thread to the top of the back of a chair. Tie a loop in the other end and put it over your ear (Fig. 4). When you crumple the newspaper, make sure to crumple it around the thread.

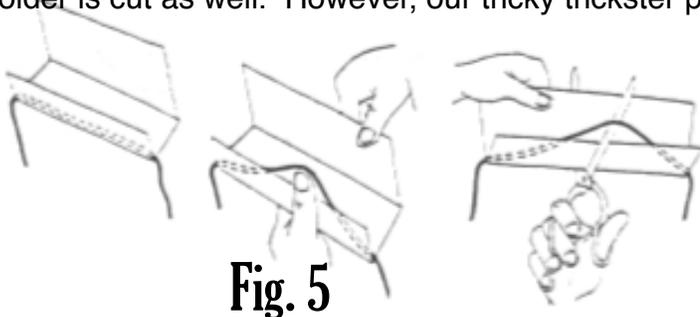
When you let go the thread will hold the ball in mid-air. You must do this trick far enough away for the audience won't see the thread (Wearing dark clothes also helps hide the thread).



IMAGIC-NATION BREAK Another nice idea is to put a large hoop over your head before attaching the thread to your ear. Then when the ball is floating in mid air you can remove the ring and move it back and forth without disturbing the set-up. There is also something known as invisible thread that works really well even close up!

The NO Cut Yarn

Our magician takes a piece of yarn and places it in a simple paper holder. The magician then takes a pair of scissors and cuts the paper in half. The audience assumes that the yarn inside the paper holder is cut as well. However, our tricky trickster pulls on the piece of yarn to show it is unharmed!!



THE SECRET: The key to this trick is in how the paper is folded. As you can see in Fig. 5 the yarn is kept out of the way of the scissor blades. So what happens is the paper gets cut in half but not the yarn.

IMAGIC-NATION BREAK If you practice this enough you could probably use something other than a piece of yarn what about a tie???

The Center Tear

The magician decides to show his/her abilities to read a person's thought. The spectator is handed a small sheet of paper with a circle drawn on it. The magician instructs the spectator to put a word or short question in the circle. When the person is finished they fold up the paper so the word or question can't be seen. The magician tries to read the question with his mind but has a hard time. He then tears up the paper and drops the pieces on the table. He/She turns away and asks the spectator to say the word or question over and over in their mind. Suddenly, it comes to the magician and he/she reveals the secret word or question.

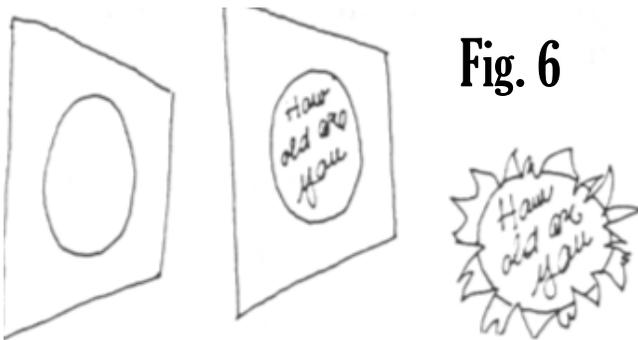


Fig. 6

THE SECRET: Take a square piece of paper and in the center make a circle as in Fig. 6. Tell them to write inside the circle. When they're finished tell them to fold the paper in half and then in half again so that what they wrote is hidden from view. Take the folded sheet and rip it in half. Place the piece containing the circle at the bottom and tear in half the other way. Let the pieces fall to the table but finger palm the bottom piece that contains the circle. When you turn your back to the audience open the paper and read the secret and hide it in your pocket.

Clipped

Magician takes two separate paper clips and puts them on a dollar bill. With a magical flourish and a pull on the dollar bill the paper clips link in mid-air.

THE SECRET: Fasten two paper clips on a dollar bill as shown in Fig. 7. Grasp the ends of the bill and pull sharply in the direction of the arrows. The paper clips will shoot three or four feet straight up into the air and come down linked.

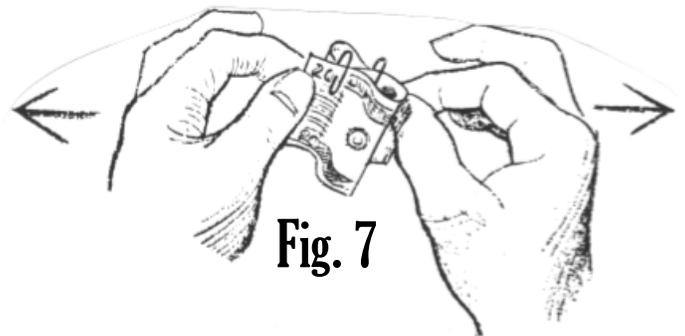


Fig. 7

IMAGIC-NATION BREAK To make this even more impressive, put a rubber band in the middle of this set-up before you place the paper clips in place. When you pull the linked paper clips will be on the rubber band...very impressive!!

Glass Through Table

The mysterious entertainer takes a glass and covers it with a paper napkin while sitting at the table. He/She proposes a little wager...can a coin be flipped without touching it. A coin is placed on the table heads up the magician claims that by merely covering the coin with the paper covered glass the coin will flip to tails. After two attempts the magician fails to flip the coin. Suddenly, the magician slams his hand down on the glass covered with the napkin...the glass is gone!!

THE SECRET: The coin is a bluff you never intend to make the coin flip. You just want to get your audience to focus on the coin while you do the amazing feat of vanishing a glass in front of their noses. After your second attempt to make the coin flip, you drop the glass in your lap as in Fig. 8.



Fig. 8

The paper napkin keeps the shape of the glass after it drops in your lap (it might be a good idea to catch the glass with the other hand under the table so it doesn't bounce off your lap and break on the floor). Anyway, bring the paper form over the coin and set it down. Then without warning slam your hand on the napkin revealing the glass is GONE! You can then produce it from under the table saying you didn't know your own strength.

IMAGIC-NATION BREAK Another great way to end this effect is to have a person watching place their hand over the napkin form. Then slam your hand on theirs and down onto the napkin form all the way to the table. This will astound the person when they realize the glass disappeared under their own hand!!

Paper Pellet Repeat

Magician shows 3 paper pellets. She/He places two in one hand and the other in the pocket. When the hand is opened there are 3 pellets back in the magician's hand. This can be repeated again and again.

THE SECRET: There are really 4 pellets used but the audience is only aware of 3. One pellet is hidden in your hand, the other 3 are on the table. You pick up two pellets and place them into your hand adding the extra pellet at the same time. The other pellet you pretend to place in your pocket but actually keep it hidden in your hand. Open hand and show 3 pellets. It looks as if the pellet you

placed in your pocket jumped back into your hand. Since you only pretended to place the pellet in your pocket you are set to repeat the effect!

Torn & Restored Lottery Ticket

Magician shows a large lottery ticket and tells the story of the person who bought the ticket and thought it was a loser. But later they find out on the radio that it is a winning ticket. Fortunately, our magician was there to save the day. He takes the ripped up lottery ticket and puts it back together.

THE SECRET: The lottery ticket is a specially prepared piece of paper. It is actually two lottery tickets glued together. Lay one paper on a table (numbers face down). About an inch and a half from the left end place a drop of glue. Place the other strip on top (numbers face-up) and press paper at the glue area so that the strips will stick together. Let the glue dry.

Start at the right end and fold the top strip in one inch folds up to the glue. Double the fold. Fold over the top then bottom to center, then left end of the strip to form a tight ball. It must be folded tight so that the ball will not undo itself. Follow the drawings if this is confusing (Fig. 9)

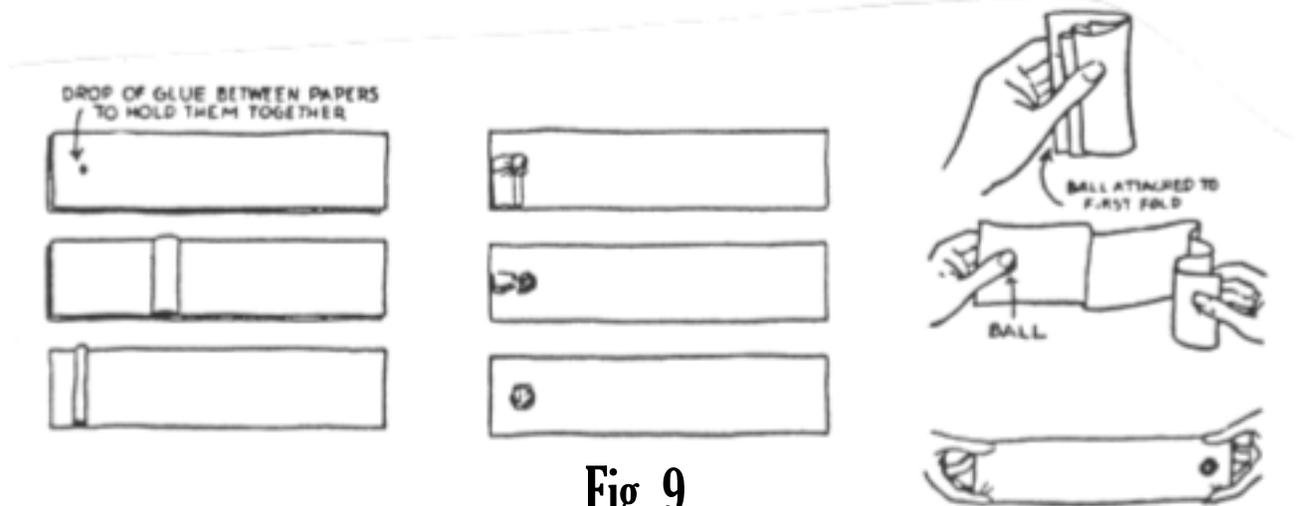


Fig. 9

Show the lottery ticket so that the extra ticket is towards you hidden from the audience. Watch your angles the audience should never see the extra ticket. Rip the ticket in half, put the pieces together and rip the pieces in half again. Put all the pieces together in front of the piece with the extra ticket (Fig. 10).

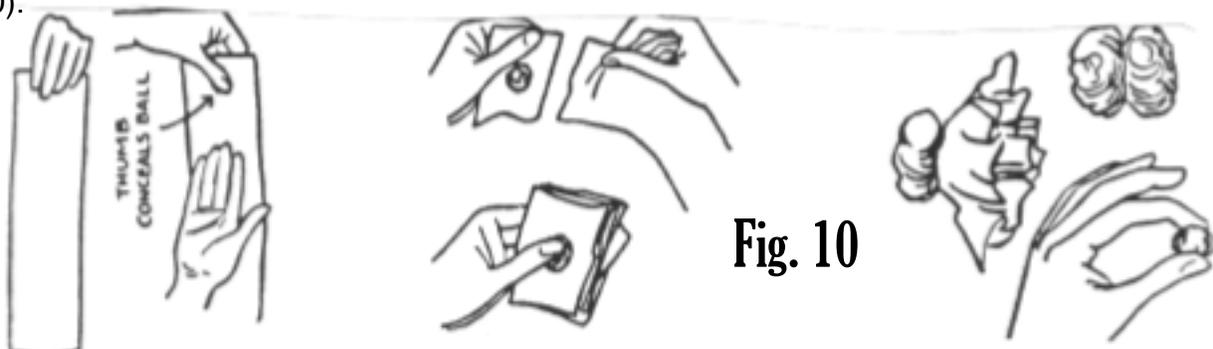


Fig. 10

Roll the pieces into a ball and show as in Fig. 10. Turn the whole packet over and open up the duplicate lottery ticket and show it restored. The torn pieces of the original will stick to the back of the new ticket. You can cover the ball with your hand to show both sides of the ticket. The best plan is to prepare a bunch of these ahead of time.

IMAGIC-NATION BREAK Of course the paper doesn't have to be a lottery ticket, it could say ABRACADABRA. You rip it up the audience says the word and it comes back together. Or for a little laugh the restored piece could say HOCUS POCUS. So not only did you restore the paper but a different word appears as well.

I hope you enjoyed your Mini Magic Camp and enjoyed the paper tricks shared in this workbook.

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