MINI MAGIC LESSON

BY MIKE BENT
Here’s what you’ll need: Two bracelets, two pieces of the same color paper, Scissors, white glue, a coin and a playing card.

1. Assembly: Have an adult help you cut a circle out of one sheet of paper. The circle should be smaller than the outside edge of the bracelets. Apply glue to the edge of the circle, then place the bracelet on top and let everything dry for a couple of hours.

2. To Perform, Place the two rings (the paper circle is on the bottom) and playing card on top of the second piece of paper. Ask to borrow a quarter, then place it in the center of the paper.

A borrowed coin vanishes in the blink of an eye! Then, just as magically reappears!
4. Next, place the normal bracelet on top of the gimmicked one (a “gimmick” is a secret piece of magic apparatus.)

5. Place the playing card on top of the stacked bracelets, then lift the bracelets and the card as a unit and place them on top of the coin. Keep a steady hand here ....
Now, wave your magic wand or say a magic word, then remove the playing card and show that the coin has vanished! (It’s secretly hidden beneath the gimmick.) You can lift up the top ring and let it rest on the bottom ring.

To bring the coin back, stack the rings, cover them with the card and lift everything off.

Notes: Instead of bracelets, you can also use a plastic drinking glass with a paper circle glued on the bottom. A bandanna can be used to cover the glass instead of the playing card.

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To Prepare: Get four crayons, red, yellow, blue and green.

Performance: Hand the crayons to your friend then turn your back to them. Ask them to choose a crayon and show it to your audience. Now, have them place the crayon they chose into your hand (behind your back,) and have them hide the other crayons behind their back.

When the crayon is behind your back, secretly scrape a little bit of the wax under one of your thumbnails. Bring that hand out, keeping the crayon in your other hand, and casually take a peek at the wax. Pretend like you’re concentrating really hard, then reveal the color!

It will look like you have eyes in the back of your head when you guess what color crayon your friend chose!
**Preparation:** Fold the sheet that says "You will pick the octopus." place it in an envelope and place it on the table.

1. Hand the page with the emoji charm bracelet to your friend and ask them to think of any number between five and fifteen. Let's say, for example, they choose thirteen.

2. Ask them to place their finger on the "X" and count along the charm bracelet in the direction shown in Figure 1. Since they chose thirteen in our example, they'll land on the umbrella emoji. Have them keep their finger in place.

3. Magically predict what emoji your volunteer will choose.
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Now have them count their same number again in the direction shown in Figure 2. They will land on the octopus. No matter what number they choose, they will always land on the octopus, and long as they count in the right directions. This is what magicians call a "force."

Ask them to open the envelope, and they'll see that your prediction (a fancy word for a guess) was correct! Pretty cool, huh?

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YOU WILL CHOOSE THE OCTOPUS!

THAT'S AMAZING!

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YOU WILL CHOOOSE THE OCTOPUS!
1. Preparation: Cut a piece of paper so that it's 5 inches wide and 7 inches long. Use a pencil to trace a dime in the center of the paper. Ask an adult to cut out the hole (3/4 of an inch) that you traced.

Performance: Borrow a quarter from a friend and ask them if they can use the quarter through the hole without ripping, cutting, or tearing the paper. They won't be able to. Tell them that you can. Push the pencil through the hole and use it to push the quarter across the table! You "pushed" the quarter "through" the hole!

2. Now explain that that was just a joke, but you really can push the quarter through the hole. Fold the paper in half, then place the quarter between the folds, so that it's rising in the hole. Now hold the paper as shown and gently bend the paper upwards. The quarter will slide ring through without tearing the paper! Sneaky, huh...? 

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**Preparation:** Remove nine cards from a deck of playing cards: The 5 of Clubs, The 5 of Hearts, the 5 of Spades, and the 5 of Diamonds. The other five cards can be any cards, it doesn’t matter. Print out the piece of paper that says “YOU WILL PICK THE FIVE PILE.” Fold the paper and place it in an envelope.

**Performance:** Make two piles of face-down cards. One pile will have the four fives, the other will have the random five cards. Hand your friend the envelope and explain that it holds your prediction. Have them choose one of the two piles.

- **If they choose the pile with the four fives,** turn the pile over, spread out the cards and say: “You chose the pile with the four fives, the other pile just has random cards.”
- **If they choose the other pile,** don’t turn the cards over, count them instead and say: “This pile has four cards, but the one you chose has five.”

Now have them open the envelope to show that your guess was right!

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YOU WILL CHOOSE THE FIVE PILE
Winner's Choice

You can predict what piece of sports equipment your friend will choose - every time!

Ask an adult to cut out each of these three cards, the football, the soccer ball and the baseball. On the back of the soccer ball card, write “You will choose the soccer ball.” Now have them cut out the folder and prediction that says “You will choose the baseball.”
SET-UP: Fold the folder in half as shown. Place the three equipment cards inside the folder, and behind them, place the paper with the baseball prediction with the writing side down.

PERFORMANCE: Take out the folder, being careful not to show the writing on the back. Take out the three cards and lay them out on the table (make sure no one sees the writing on the back of the soccer ball card) Ask your friend to point to one of the cards. Now ask them if they want to change their mind. Once they’ve made their final decision, you’re ready to show them that you knew all along which one they’d choose!

Here’s how:

• If they choose the Soccer Ball, casually put the folder away and ask them to turn the cards over. They’ll see your soccer ball prediction.

• If they choose the Football, turn over the folder and they’ll see your football prediction.

• If they choose the Baseball, open the folder and take out the paper to show your baseball prediction.

Now put the props away and receive a round of applause!

IMPORTANT! Don’t repeat this trick for the same audience, they’ll figure out the secret!

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### INSTRUCTIONS for the CALCULATOR CARDS

1. Cut this sheet along the dotted lines to create six cards, each showing an assortment of numbers.
2. Ask a person to **think of any number from 1 to 63.** (Keep it secret!) Then they look through the cards.
3. If a card has their chosen number on it, they **hand it to you.** (The rest are set aside)
4. Using only the cards containing the chosen number, **look at the first number on each card.** (Top left corner) **Add these key numbers from each card, and the sum total will match the chosen number!**

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BONUS TIPS for the CALCULATOR CARDS

**Make It Magical:** Add some mystery to this trick by pretending to get the number by “reading their mind”. Learn to add up the total quickly, without staring at the cards, and it seems like you pluck the number right out of their head!

**Reverse It:** Let them keep the cards with their number. Add up the key numbers from the other cards, and subtract from 63 to get the chosen number.

**Rainbow Connection:** Print the cards with these colored backs. The key numbers now correspond with the colors of the rainbow. Remember ROY G. BIV? Now you can figure out their number from across the room just by looking at the colors they are holding. That’s a miracle!

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Start at the wand and make your way through the magic hat to find Puff the Magic Rabbit!

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HERE'S HOW YOU DO IT. COUNT THE TIPS

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