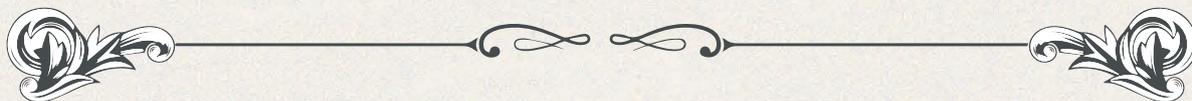




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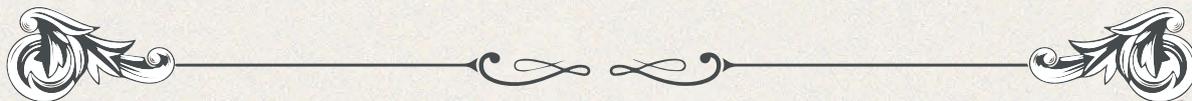
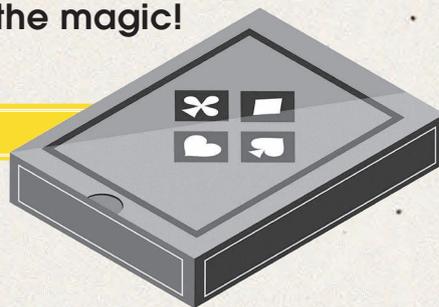
SCIENCE OF MAGIC



Have your friend simply think about a playing card and then make it disappear using the psychological principle of change blindness. Watch this [video](#) for an explanation of the science behind the magic!

MATERIALS

- ♣ A deck of playing cards
- ♣ Two pieces of A5 paper
- ♣ Glue



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SIX CARDS TRICK



STEP ONE

Take the following playing cards and place them in a pile in the centre of one of the pieces of paper.

Nine of Clubs
Ten of Diamonds
Ten of Clubs

Eight of Spades
Nine of Hearts
Eight of Diamonds

STEP TWO

Fold in the sides of the paper to make a small packet. Trim off any pieces that hang over the edge.



STEP THREE

Make a second, identical packet with the following playing cards:

Eight of Clubs Nine of Spades
Nine of Diamonds Eight of Hearts
Ten of Hearts

STEP FOUR

Glue the two packets back to back. When both packets are folded up it should look like one single packet.



STEP FIVE

Unfold the first packet and take out six cards. Spread them out and ask your friend to choose one of the cards and keep it in their mind. Do not give them too long to choose.

STEP SIX

Return the cards to the packet and fold it back up. Ask your friend to imagine their card vanishing.

STEP SEVEN

Unfold the second packet (being careful to make it look like the same packet) and reveal that there are only five cards. Your friend's card has vanished!

Questions and further research

1. Do you think it matters which playing cards you use?
2. Have you ever missed something happening right under your nose?
3. [Check out this video](#). Did it fool you? Watch it a second time. Did it fool you again? Why or why not?
4. Research magic by exploring the [WG Alma Conjuring Collection](#) held at State Library Victoria. Almost all images from the collection have been digitised and are available via the [Library's catalogue](#).



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