

Prepare to be amazed!



Spotlight



60 mins

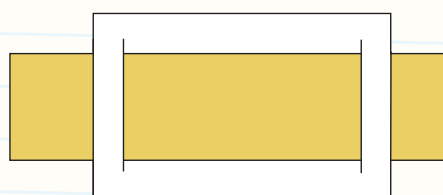


Challenge yourself

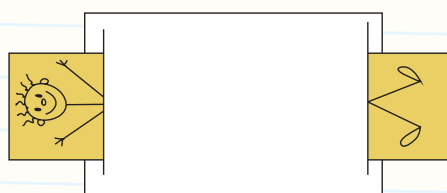
A – Person & paper tube



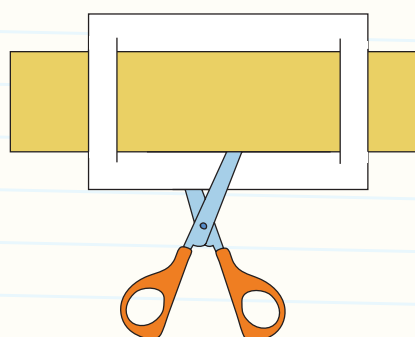
B – Back of trick



C – Front of trick



D – Cutting the trick



Aim of activity

Magicians don't often reveal their secrets, but you'll find them here! Grab your magic wand and amaze your audience with some brilliant tricks.

What you'll get out of it

- Discover how magic tricks work.
- Develop your performance skills.
- Practise performing.

What you'll need

- Calculators (optional, for mind-reading trick)

Station 1

- Envelopes, 1 per girl, plus a few spare
- A4 sheets of paper, 1 per girl, plus a few spares
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Rulers
- Pens

Station 2

- Coins

Station 3

- A pack of playing cards



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding



Before you start

Set up the stations around the space with the resources and instructions.

What to do

- 1 Your leader is going to perform a piece of mind-reading magic...

Mind-reading trick

'Gather round and prepare to be amazed. I'm the amazing Trefoil trickster, an incredible magician, and I'm here to read your minds. Think of a number between one and ten in your head. Don't say it out loud. Now times that number by two, add eight, then divide by two and subtract your original number.' Give Guides a minute to work it out, then declare that they're thinking of the number four. Woah. Magic!

- 2 Now, it's your turn to be magicians! Get into three groups and move to different stations, each with a magic trick for you to conquer. When you've mastered your trick, show it to someone not in your group. Try out all the tricks.

Station 1 – Saw a person in half

- Cut your A4 sheet of paper in half longways. Draw a stick person to fill the slip of paper.
- Tape your envelope shut and cut the ends off the short sides to make a paper tube. Trim your paper tube to 15cm long (see illustration A).
- On one side of the paper tube, about 2cm from each end, cut slits big enough to fit your person. Make sure you only cut through one side. The side with the cuts is the back of your paper tube.
- Slip your person through these slits so its body isn't in the paper tube (see illustrations B and C).
- Now comes the magic! Carefully cut just the paper tube (not the paper person in the slits). To your audience, it'll look like you're sawing the person in half (see illustration D).

Station 2 – Disappearing coin

- Hold the coin by the edges between your thumb and index finger.
- Using your other hand, pretend to take the coin but actually knock it into your original coin-holding hand. Make your empty hand into a fist.
- Using your magician flair, blow on your empty fist and open it to show that the coin has disappeared.
- While doing this, bring the hand with the coin in behind an audience member's ear and make it appear from there.

Station 3 – Card magic

- Ask someone to pick a card. Get them to remember it.
- Split the deck in half and get them to return their card face down. Sneakily, look at the card that's in the other half of the deck.
- Shuffle a little, avoiding moving their card and the one you memorised.
- Look at the deck and find the card you memorised. Theirs is next to it!

Take it further

Find someone outside your unit to dazzle and amaze with your new tricks.