

# Card Tricks Take & Make Kit

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## Four Always Remain Trick

Use a full deck of cards minus the Jokers. The cards will count as follows: Ace = 1, Jack = 11, Queen = 12, King = 13, and the number cards are equal to their numbers.

Shuffle the cards. Deal off one card face up and count it as its value, then deal more cards face down on top of it until you've totaled 15. Take the example shown, if the face up card is a ten then you'll deal five more cards onto the pile to make a total value of 15.

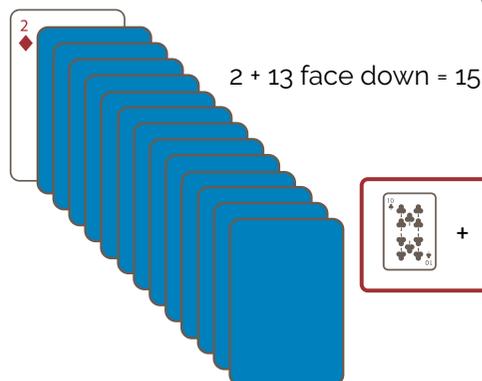
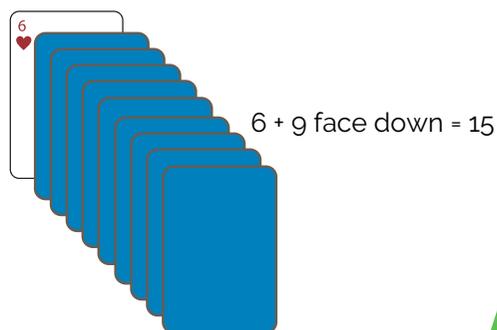
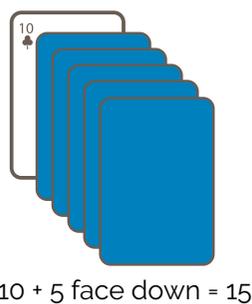
Deal the next card face up and repeat the process outlined above. Example: if the face up card is a 6 deal off 9 more cards as shown in the example, again totaling 15.

Repeat one more time. Keeping with our example, if you put down a 2, you'll deal out 13 more cards on top of it.

When you're done, add up the totals of the first three face up cards. In the example, the numbers are  $10 + 6 + 2 = 18$ .

Deal off that many cards from the remaining unused cards and you'll **always** be left with only four cards in your hand! Amazing!

Math is the power behind this trick's success. Way cool.



## The Trickster's Code

Practice your tricks before you perform.

Never reveal your tricks' secrets.

Never repeat a trick for the same person. They are looking for an opportunity to learn your tricks' secrets.

Be a good audience member. Treat other performers how you want to be treated and don't let on if you know how a trick works.

Perform your tricks with joy to entertain and mystify your audience.

# Face Up - Face Down Trick

Effect: Hand a volunteer two stacks of 13 cards. One stack has all red cards, the other has all black cards. Instruct them to turn one stack face up and one stack face down and shuffle the stacks together as much as they like. When the volunteer is done, invite them to deal out two even stacks of 13 cards each and hand one stack to you. Then you and the volunteer each sort your stacks into face up and face down piles. To their surprise, both stacks of 13 will have the same number of face up and face down cards as each other!

Secret: Do everything exactly as described above and while the volunteer is separating their cards into face up and face down piles secretly turn your stack of 13 over before dividing between face up and face down.



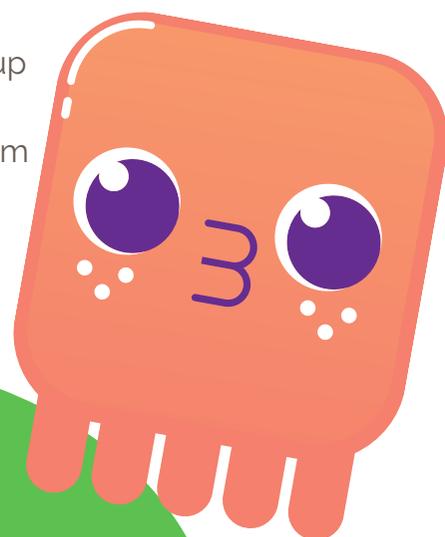
# Guess Their Card Trick

Effect: Invite a volunteer to select a card, look at it, and put it on top of the deck. Then ask them to cut the cards\* as many times as they want. Deal the cards face up onto the table and announce that the next card you turn over will be their card. To your volunteer's surprise you'll reach into the pile of dealt cards and pull out their card!

Secret: You know what the bottom card is because you peeked before the trick! For instance, let's say the bottom card is the Ace of Spades. After the cards are cut, you'll know that the card after the Ace of Spades is your volunteer's card. Deal out a couple cards past your volunteer's card and then announce that the next card you turn over will be theirs. You'll surprise your volunteer when you reach onto the table and turn over their card.

Performance tip: If you gesture towards the card in your hand, suggesting, without saying, that the card will come from the deck, you'll get even stronger results from this trick!

\*Cutting the cards means splitting the deck into two sections by lifting up a random number of cards from the top of the deck, placing those top cards face down beside the rest of the deck and then placing the bottom part of the deck on top of the on top of the former top of the deck. It's different than shuffling.



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