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Learning The Tricks: Box Tricks

By Preston Houer

Are you one of those people who would like to learn the tricks after seeing a magic show? Would you like to do some tricks on your friend especially when you want him to just "poof!" out of your life for a while? Then, it is time that you learn the secret in doing magic tricks.

The problem is that most people who want to learn magic tricks could not get them directly from a magician. Probably, they were just afraid you could outwit them, or maybe they do not simply want anybody to learn the tricks.

However, the truth is that everybody can learn magic tricks. Obtaining the skills in order to perform magic tricks is not limited. It is open for everybody who is willing to learn and master the craft.

Take for example the well-loved box tricks. Most people are so amazed with the fact that people can disappear with just a snap while inside the box. The good thing about it is that they can easily reappear in the box.

Impossible? Think again.

Box tricks, like any magic tricks are all based on illusions. The purpose of these illusions is to amaze and bewilder the audience, generating a belief that something extraordinary had just taken place.

In reality, people knew that these box tricks are just forms of trickery but the fact that the action is truly baffling; everybody is entertained.

Generally, box tricks entail the disappearance of a person after he was placed inside the box. With just a tap on the lid, and some "magic words" the person inside the box disappears.

Usually, the secret to these box tricks is based on the box itself. These boxes are made from a huge "cardboard box" that is carefully made in such a way that the trick can be executed without having to give the audience a hint.

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Hence, the box should be made in such a way that the person who will fit into the box could easily get hide behind it without having to reveal any means of knowing the trick.

How to Make the Box

The greatest secret in box tricks is based on the composition of the box. Here is how to make the magic box:

1. Choose a box that has plenty of room for the person who will get in. Be sure that he will still be able to move a little once he needs to get out of the box at once.
2. Cut the box's base. Be sure you to leave an edge on the three sides.
3. Slit the "false bottom" from an additional portion of the cardboard fixing it in the interior, and fastening it with the center of a sturdy tape.
4. Fasten them on the grip.
5. Slash or fasten jointly a "one-piece" cardboard cover. Try to color it with a dark hue to add more fuss.

The Box Trick

Basically, the magic box that is being used in the trick has a bogus base. This means that the box has no real, solid bottom. This make up is generally made in order to allow the box to be tipped forward without having to reveal the person inside the box.

The tricky part here is that when the magician tries to tilt the box forward, so that the audience can see whether the person is still inside or not, the box actually slips over the person who is inside it. The reason why he is not exposed to the audience is that he is tugging the "hinged" base closed by simply clutching its grip at the same time.

In this way, the person is blocked out at the back of the magic box. The magical part is that the audience is amused on how the person had vanished.

This type of magic trick is usually known as stage magic, wherein the magician or the performer will do the trick in front of many people.

With the demands of the audience, the effectiveness of the box trick as one type of the stage magic is based on stage presence, proper timing, comedy value, and other skills that would generate amusement without having to appear that the performer is making a trick out of the audience.

The most important thing, when somebody wants to learn this kind of magic trick is that he should be able to divert the audience's attention from one area to another. It is through this moment that the trick

is being executed without the audience realizing it.

So, if you want to learn the box tricks, be sure that you have all the skills properly coordinated with the ideas you will obtain. Keep in mind that a good trick is only applicable to those who were amazed with your act, so be sure to perform your best shot.

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What You Need To Know To Become A Magician

By David Fishman

Elaborate stunts and illusions. Beautiful assistants. A crew of well trained exotic animals. You are intrigued by the magician's life and have decided to give it a shot. Well, don't be fooled by the magicians you see on T.V. There is more to the profession than that, and you need to learn it from all different perspectives in order to be a true success.

In addition to stunts and illusions, you need to understand the basics. Palming techniques. Small tricks. Not all of your shows will require you to use your big tricks. A true magician knows a combination of both, and knows them all well.

Here is what you need to know to become a magician.

Learn the Basics. Learning the basic techniques is very important. Simple card tricks, coin tricks, and small tricks with props like ropes and hats are good to learn. You can learn from a book, take a class, or learn from a DVD or instruction online. The methods you choose will depend largely on your learning style. Keep in mind that it can be very helpful to have an expert show you how to do it and critique your technique.

Get a Mentor. In your road to becoming a magician, getting a mentor can be a tremendous help. A mentor will not only teach you how to perform tricks and illusions, but will also assist you on the business side of being a magician. Most are self employed and are responsible for booking their own engagements. It can be a big help to also learn things such as marketing, etc from your mentor.

Go to School. Yes, there are magic schools. Some are part of clown school. Others are designed as enrichment programs in middle school and high schools. Attending a school that focuses completely on magic can help you learn quickly and put you on a schedule for success.

What Kind of Magician? What kind of magician do you want to be? Each successful magician out there has some kind of niche. Do you want to be a clown/magician? Would you like to do elaborate stunts? Or maybe you want to focus entirely on card tricks. It's up to you. Once you define exactly how you envision your future career, you can take the steps necessary to achieve it.

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Your Tricks. Each performing magician has not only a broad knowledge of their field, they also have a select amount of tricks that they master. Granted, depending on the performance, you will want to vary your lineup. However, if you have a few tricks you can depend on, it will make your job a lot easier.

Stage presence. Being a technical magician won't get you far. You need to develop a stage presence. Each trick and illusion you learn needs to have a routine attached to it that will captivate the audience. You can be a mediocre magician and still entertain the crowd with your jokes and anecdotes. What truly matters is that your audience has a good time.

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. Talented performers who fall into one of

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