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Magic Cards

By Preston Houer

Magic has been around for centuries. It has even been associated with medieval times in stories of

Merlin and King Arthur, which has made religious people believe that this was evil. And people who knew it and practiced it were considered to be heretics and were burned at the stake.

Now who would ever imagine that magic has now gained a more favorable popularity? With more than a handful of famous magicians amusing innumerable audiences, magic has never been this much loved before. This popularity has made a lot of people yearn to learn some magic tricks. One of the most basic is the use of magic cards.

A deck of cards is one of the most common props used by magicians. There are many forms of magic tricks a person can do with a deck of cards. Here's what one aspiring magician has to learn in manipulating magic cards:

The first thing that a person must learn is how to shuffle. This is done using both hands and by having a certain amount of cards on each hand. Then alternately put one card over the other until all the cards are in one stack then putting them together to form a uniform pile.

After that, one can start performing certain tricks that will both fool and amaze the audience. Some well known magicians can make a cigarette go right through a deck of cards while others can make a card float in the air with no visible strings attached. The most basic trick that anyone can master however is letting someone pick a card and after shuffling it, picking that same card the person selected moments ago. There are so many other tricks one can do with a deck of cards and all it takes is some time to get to know these tricks, practice it then show off to friends.

Other than using magic cards, there are so many other tricks, which involve other props or paraphernalia such as a coin, a hanky, or even a small ball. The use of cards in performing a trick is merely an execution of various optical illusions and manipulation, which just goes to show that the hand is quicker than the eye.

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Cards can be bought at the local specialty store or ordered online. Sometimes these come with other special packages that will make tricks more fun to perform and watch.

One secret that either a newbie or an expert can benefit on while using a magic card or just about any magic props is to not reveal the secret of how the tricks are done.

Preston Houer has been involved with the art of illusion and sleight of hand for over 30 years. Let Preston show you how to Have Fun With Magic. Visit His Site Today!

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The Birth And Rising Popularity Of Trading Card Games

By Joe Goertz

Just about fifteen years ago trading card games hit the world and ever since it has remained on top with many of the younger generation people in this world. Since their invention, trading card games have swept across the world, creating fans at every turn. The diversity of the games is the biggest draw, bringing in throngs of people to their ranks every year. Clubs and tournaments have sprung up and draw thousands through the doors with the promise of a long and grueling match.

The forerunner of this phenomenon is the ever popular Magic the Gathering. Based largely on the Dungeons and Dragons role playing game, Magic was a sure fire hit for the young people of the world. Combing all they loved about D and D, but in a much easier to use and play format, Magic worked its magic with the masses and became an overnight success. People flocked to the stores to pick up the cards as they were brought out. Gaggles of teens grouped together to play the game and stores that dealt with nothing more than Magic cards started to open to hungry consumers. The cards themselves are sold like baseball cards, in small packs or huge sets. Everyone is interested in building their deck to the maximum power.

Trading card games are still very popular to this day. Magic still remains a force in the market and enjoys the run of the land. They come out with a new set of cards each year that continue to go up in price over time. Huge collections have been amassed, some of which have values that exceed any other card game currently known.

The basic premise of a trading card game is simple. The cards are made up of character cards, objects and powers. Each person selects the deck they will play with and the cards are shuffled at random before play begins. The rest of the game is played similar to may other card games, where cards are laid out and the winner is stronger. The rounds continue until one or the other has been defeated. The strategy is based solely on the cards that each player has in a deck. For the most part the players depend on the strength of individual cards in the deck to become the winner, but in the end there is a lot of luck that comes into play. Because the cards are drawn at random no player knows what will come next to keep it all very fair.

Since the beginning which is commonly attributed to Magic, more and more companies have joined the

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ranks. The ever popular Pokemon was instantly famous with the even younger groups. Less violent than Magic, Pokemon seemed to appeal to the more family friendly crowd. Some of the cards became very rare in the early goings but can now be had for a few dollars or less. This is the case with a lot of the different trading card games as well. Many of them started out with a lot of popularity and because of some clever manufacturing, a lot of rare cards. This causes the price for the whole game to go up and therefore allows the game to enjoy a thriving secondary market as a whole.

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