

35 Tricks

# MAGIC HAT

Ages  
6 & Up



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# Learning the Art of Magic



These tips will make it easier to study and practice your tricks.

**1. The directions for the tricks are always listed in the same order:**

- The pictures with pink backgrounds show you the materials you'll need for the trick.
- The pictures with blue backgrounds show you the secret preparations you'll need to make.
- The numbered white pictures show you how to perform the trick in front of your audience.

**2. In the list of necessary materials for each trick, you'll sometimes see a little star, or asterisk (\*). The star lets you know that a specific item is not included in your magic kit.** These items are simple, everyday objects that you'll probably already have around the house. It's best if you ask your parents or older brothers or sisters to help you find them.

**3. For technical reasons, the color of the objects in this instruction book might be different from those in your magic kit.**

**4. When you're ready to begin, you should read each step of the instructions and look over the pictures with your older brothers or sisters or with your parents.** Most tricks require practice, and some tricks require more practice than others so that they can run smoothly when you perform them for your audience later.

**5. The next step is to practice for your magic show.** You need to practice your tricks, of course, but you also need to practice what you will say to the audience about each trick as it is happening. This serves another purpose, which is to distract your audience — they will automatically look where you look. For example, if you hide something in your left hand, you should NOT look at that hand. Instead, you should look at your right hand or directly at your audience. You can also choose music to play while you are performing your magic tricks. After the performance, pack up all your magic materials right away, before the audience has a chance to look at them more closely.

**6. To achieve the greatest success with your magic tricks, you should follow the three golden rules of magic:**

- **Never reveal how you do a trick!**
- **Only perform a trick when you can really control it!**
- **Never perform the same trick twice for the same audience!**

**And now, the stage is yours! Have fun and good luck with your magic tricks!**

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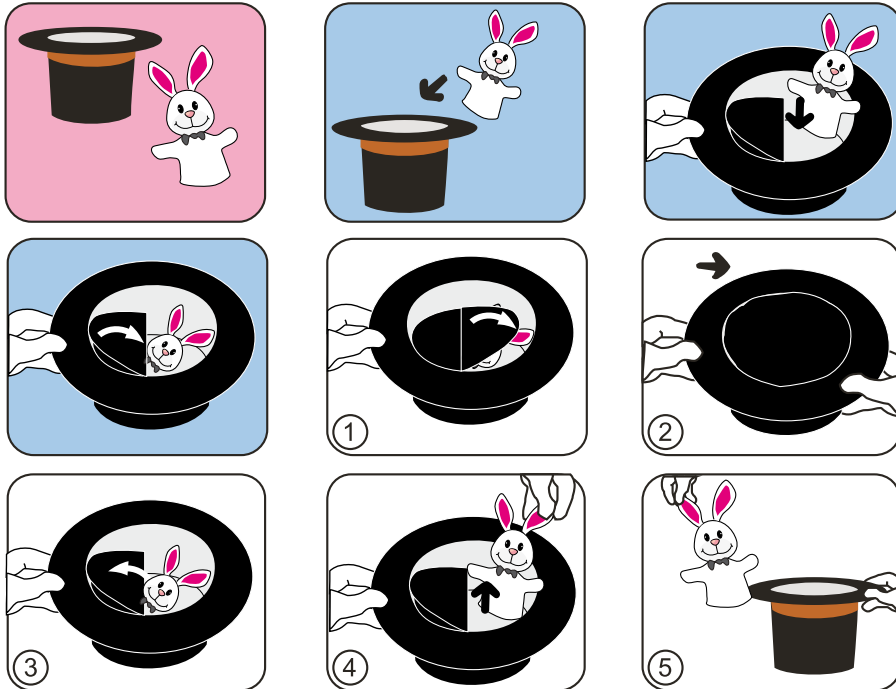
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### 3. Pulling a Rabbit Out of a Hat

**Materials:** The magic hat, the toy rabbit

**Preparation:** Open the secret flap at the bottom of your magic hat and put the toy rabbit inside the hidden compartment. It's best to put the rabbit's body in first, with its head closer to the top of the opening. That way it'll be easy to pull it out by the ears later on. Make sure that you push the rabbit's nose into the hidden compartment, since the secret flap will not close if you don't.

**Performance:** Hold the magic hat in your left hand so that the secret flap opens toward you. Now take the magic hat in your right hand and tilt it a little toward the audience. This is how you can show your audience that the hat is "empty," without the secret flap at the bottom of the hat opening. It's best to practice this in front of a mirror to see how far you can tilt the hat without revealing the secret opening. Then take the hat in your left hand again and tip it a little bit toward your hand so that the secret flap opens. Now you can pull the rabbit out and show it to your astonished audience!

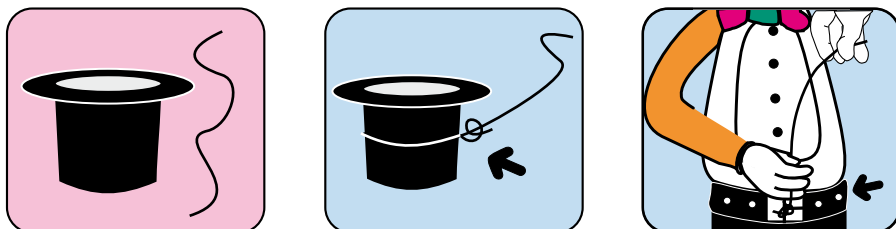


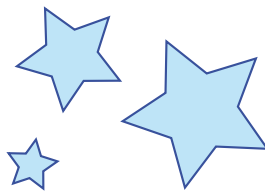
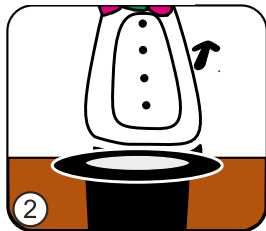
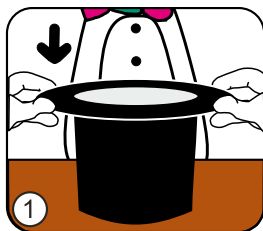
### 4. The Wandering Magic Hat

**Materials:** The magic hat, a long piece of black thread\*, a belt\*

**Preparation:** Tie the black thread around your magic hat and tie the other end to your belt.

**Performance:** Hold the magic hat in your hand as you walk into the room, and then set it down on the table in front of you. Make sure that you set it as close to the center of the table as possible. Then move away from the table slowly, making magical gestures toward the hat. The hat will magically follow you!





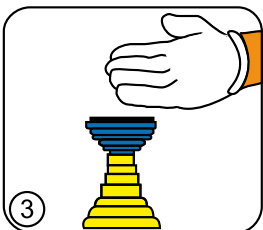
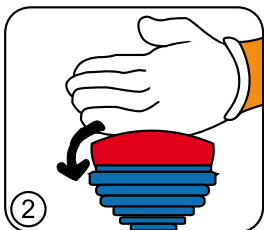
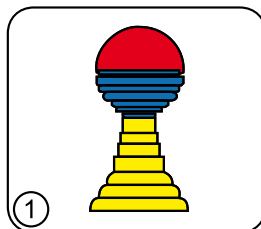
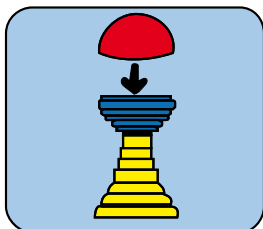
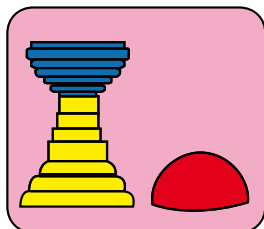
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## 5. The Disappearing Ball

**Materials:** The magic cup (without the cover), a half shell

**Preparation:** Put the half shell onto the cup so that it looks like a whole ball.

**Performance:** Move your right hand over the half shell slowly and, as you're doing so, turn it over with your hand so that it's facing downward (fig. 2). When you take your hand away again, it will look like the ball has disappeared (fig. 3).



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## 6. A Ball Changes Color

**Materials:** The magic cup, two half shells of different colors

**Preparation:** Press the two half shells together to form one whole ball (with two colors) and set these onto the cup so that only one color can be seen.

**Performance:** Make a magical gesture as you move your right palm over the ball (fig. 2) and, as you're doing so, roll it over so that the other color is now visible (fig. 3). Before you take your hand away, you have to make sure that the first color is no longer at all visible. The audience will believe that you conjured up a different colored ball.

