

The Mysterious Queen™



SECRET INSTRUCTIONS

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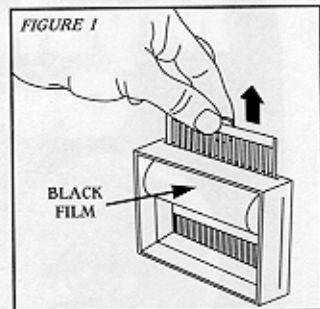
THE TRICK

A box is shown to the audience. It has a window in it and "blinds" that can open and close. You, the magician, lift up the window of the box to show that it is indeed empty. Then you slide open the "blinds" of the window. The Queen of Hearts has magically appeared inside! You slide the blinds shut, and once again lift the window to show the box is really empty. Then you slide open the blinds again to show the Queen of Hearts. Finally, the jaws of your audience drop open in amazement as you slide an actual playing card out of an empty box!

THE SECRET

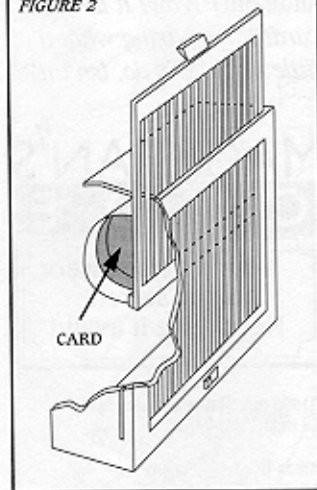
The Queen of Hearts card is inside the box the whole time. It is hidden by a clever

gimmick in the back of the box. This gimmick is a flexible piece of black film (see Figure 1). When you



lift the window, the film is lifted and curled into a small space behind the box, taking the card with it (see Figure 2). Your audience never sees this and believes the box is empty! The card is made from a special material which allows it to be bent over and over again without losing its shape. For this reason, you must always use the special

FIGURE 2

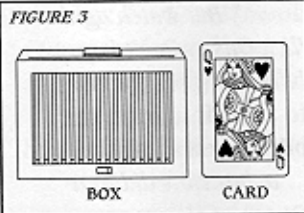


playing card included with this trick, as a real card would show a crease and give away the secret.

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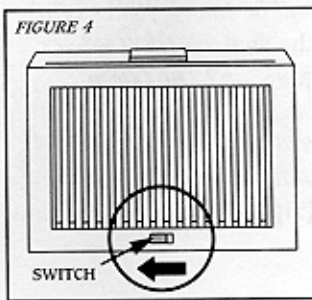
Your trick includes the magic window box and the special Queen of Hearts playing card (see Figure 3).

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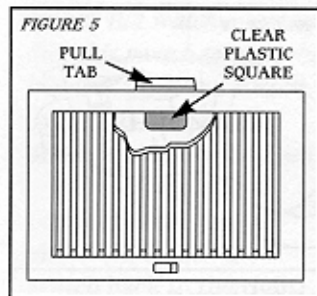


THE SECRET PREPARATION

Slide the switch on the front of the box to the left, as shown in Figure 4. This position enables your audience to see inside the box. Take a close look at the center top of the window (see Figure 5). Do you see the clear plastic pull tab?

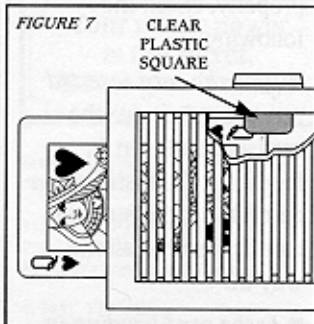
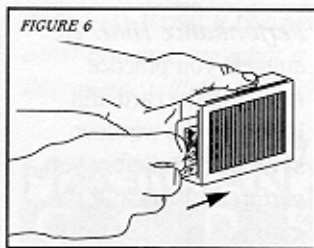


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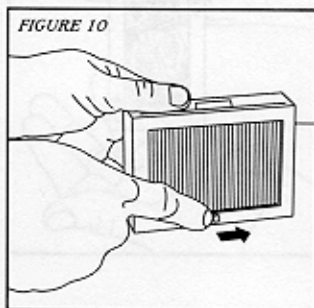
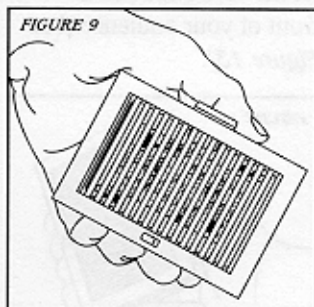
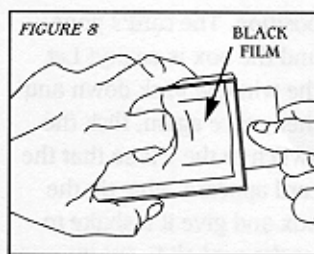
Now look directly underneath this pull tab inside the box. You should see a smaller clear plastic square. It's a little tough to see because it's behind the black lines of the window's "blinds." This little square is very important! Read on!

Turn the box toward you as shown in Figure 6 and, with the right hand, insert the card into the box. The card should slide behind the clear plastic square and in front of the black film. Figure 7 shows the card in the correct



position. If you have a little trouble getting the card to go behind the clear plastic square, try pressing your index finger against the back of the film, as shown in Figure 8. To help the card slide the rest of the way in,

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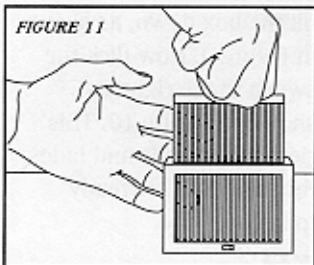


tilt the box down, as shown in Figure 9. Now flick the switch to the right, as shown in Figure 10. This closes the blinds and hides the card. You are ready to begin.

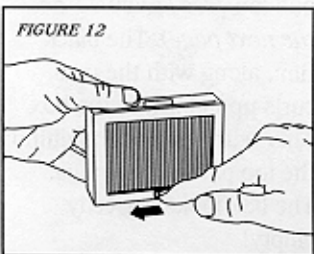
THE PERFORMANCE

Hold the box in the left hand with its window facing your audience.

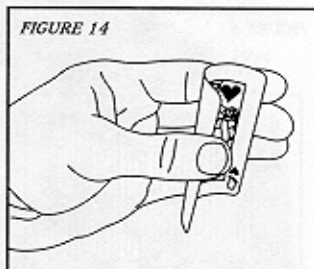
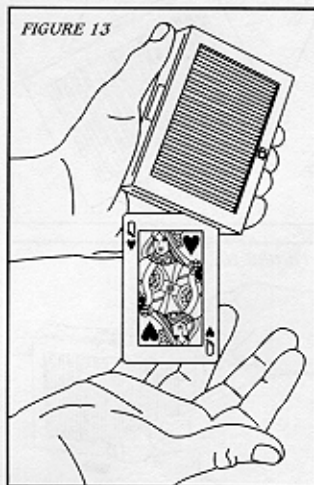
Never let your audience see the trick from anywhere except from directly in front of you! With the fingers of the right hand, pull the window straight up by its pull tab (see Figure 11 on the next page). The black film, along with the card, curls up in back of the box. This "curl" is hidden behind the top part of the frame. The box looks perfectly empty!



Now slowly let the window back down again. Flick the switch to the left to slide the window's blinds open as shown in Figure 12. The card magically appears! Flick the switch back to the right to close the blinds and hide the card. Now pull the window to the "up"



position. The card's gone and the box is empty! Let the window back down and then, once again, flick the switch to the left so that the card appears. Now tilt the box and give it a shake to let the card slide out in front of your audience (see Figure 13).



WHAT'S THE PATTERN?

Patter is what magicians say to create a mood for a trick and to draw the audience's attention to details like innocent-looking props. You can use the patter we've provided, or make up your own!

Ladies and Gentlemen, let me draw your attention to this little black box. Notice (here you pull up the window) the box is empty. (Now let the window back

Performance Hint: We suggest you practice inserting the card and lifting up the window several times before you perform this trick. If the gimmick does not work properly, check the following:

- ♥ *Was the card inserted properly?* Remove the card and re-insert it, following the instructions carefully. Make sure the card is inserted all the way in.
- ♥ *Is the card bending in the right direction?* Remove the card and give it a bend (face of card inward) as shown in Figure 14.

down) *But watch again as I flick this switch to open the blinds ... (flick the switch to the left to open the blinds and show the card) ... a-ha! How did that Queen of Hearts get in there? (now flick the switch back to the right) Hmmmmmm....Maybe she's just a figment of my imagination (pull up the window, showing the box is empty). No, there is obviously nothing inside this box. (Let the window down once more) So when I flick this switch, the box will be empty, right? (Flick the switch) HEY! What's going on? The Queen's back! It's probably not a real card. Do you think that's a real card in there? (Tip the box to let the card*

slide out) Wow! It IS a real card! It's amazing what a little magic will do, isn't it?

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