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# Secret Slate™



SECRET INSTRUCTIONS

## THE TRICK

A spectator writes a secret message on a card. Without looking at the message, you, the Magician, seal the card in an envelope and fasten it to the back of the Secret Slate. You concentrate with great effort as you "read" your spectator's mind! After a moment, you write the same message on the slate!

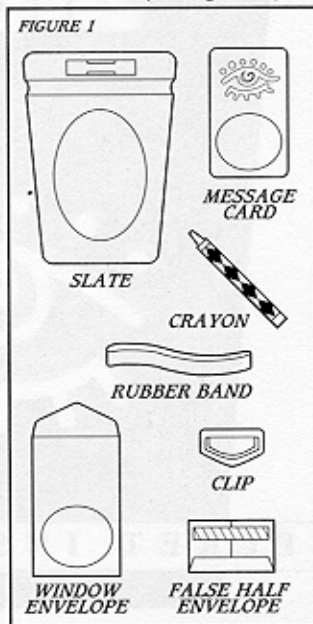
## THE SECRET

The envelope into which you place the card has a window in it! You can see the message through this window, which you keep hidden from your audience. The window in the envelope is further hidden by a false half-envelope on the back of the slate. The rubber band covers the line created by the two envelopes, so your audience is fooled into thinking it's one complete envelope! As you place the envelope with the window in it into the false half-envelope on the slate, you

can casually glance at the secret message.

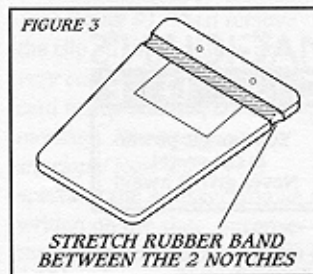
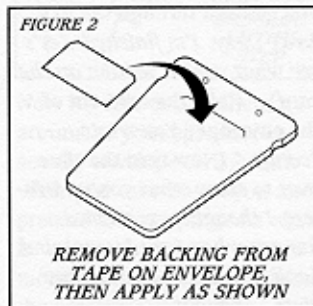
## THE PROPS

Your trick includes the slate, the false half-envelope, window envelope, 2 message cards (one's an extra), crayon, clip, rubber band. (See Figure 1.)

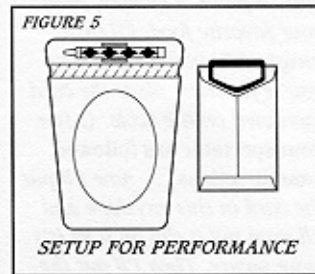
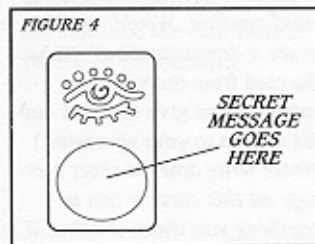


## THE SECRET PREPARATION

Attach the false half-envelope to the back of the slate as shown in Figure 2. Then place the rubber band around the slate to hide the edge of the false half-envelope (see Figure 3). Place the crayon in the holder.

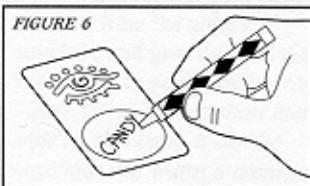


Now place the card in the window envelope so the round message area of the card (see Figure 4) shows through the window. Close the envelope's flap and place the clip onto the flap of the envelope, then place the envelope window-side-down on your table. Next to it, place the slate envelope-side-down. (See Figure 5.) You are ready to begin.

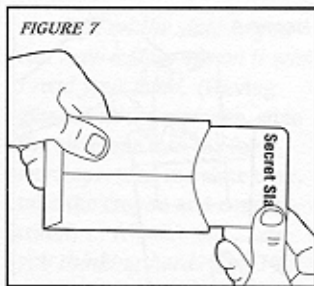


## THE PERFORMANCE

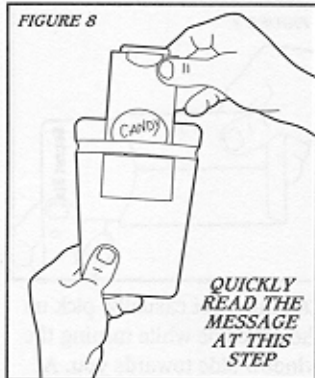
Keeping the window side of the envelope down, remove the clip from its flap and remove the card inside. Give the card and the crayon to your spectator and ask him or her to write a short secret message in the message area of the card (see Figure 6). It can be a person, place, date, symbol, etc. Be sure to look away while this is being done.



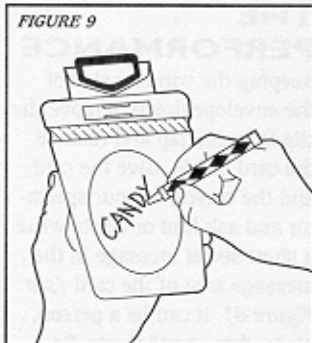
Ask your spectator to place the card on your table with its message facedown. Now slide the card into the envelope, taking great care to make sure your spectator doesn't see the window on the bottom! (See Figure 7.) Close the envelope's flap and cover it with the clip.



Carefully, yet casually, pick up the envelope while turning the window side towards you. At this point you can glance at the card through the window and see what your spectator has written! Now pick up the slate while keeping its false half-envelope towards you. Slide the envelope behind the rubber band and into the false half-envelope (see Figure 8). With the rubber band covering the break between envelopes, the false half-envelope and the window envelope look like one complete envelope!



Now it's safe to turn the slate around so your spectator can see the envelope on the back while you take the crayon and pretend to concentrate on what is written on the card. After a moment's thought, write down the secret message on the slate (see Figure 9). Then remove the clip on the envelope and, *very carefully*, take out the card inside and display the message. *Don't take out the envelope!* Now show your spectator the message you've written on the slate. Surprise—they match!



Make sure you wipe off both the slate and the card before your next performance!



## 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!

*Only the best magicians in the world have mastered the art of mind-reading. Would you like to see a demonstration? (Take the card from the window envelope and give the card and the crayon to your spectator.) Please write down a short message on this card. It can be anything you want: a name, a date, a place, a symbol, even your favorite food. I'll turn away while you do it. When you're finished, place the card facedown on the table. (After your spectator has followed your directions) ... now I'll put the card in this envelope and I'll even put a clip on it so it's more secure. Then I'll put the*

*envelope on the slate so you can keep a close eye on it while I read your mind. (Having glanced at the message, slide the envelope into the false envelope, turn the slate over, take the crayon and concentrate!) ... Hmmmmm ... are you thinking hard? Yes, I've got it now! (Write down what you glanced through the window) Okay, I'm finished. Let's see what you've written on the card ... (take the card out of the envelope) You wrote "candy." (Now turn the slate over to show what you've written) I thought you seemed hungry when I read your mind. Look at what I've got on my slate ... candy!*

