



Home Magic

Magic tricks to make and do.

Crazy Curves

The Illusion:

You can appear to change the size of the two curves by pretending to stretch them.

The Secret:

It's an optical illusion. They are really the same size.

Props:

Make two same-sized curves out of poster board or flexible plastic. Use the templates attached so they are the correct size. Color one dark and the other white so you can easily follow the instructions.

The Performance:

1. Hold the white curve in your right hand, and the dark curve in your left hand (Figure 1). The dark curve appears smaller because it is ABOVE the white one.
2. Set the white curve on the table and pretend to stretch the dark one (Figure 2).
3. Pick up the white curve with your right hand and hold it ABOVE the dark curve in your left hand (Figure 3). Now the dark curve appears *larger*!
4. Set the dark curve on the table and pretend to stretch the white one (Figure 4).
5. Pick up the dark curve with your right hand and hold it ABOVE the white curve in your left hand (Figure 5). Now the white curve appears larger again!
6. Finally, set the white one on the table and pretend to stretch the dark curve "just a little bit." Pick up the white curve and lay it on top of the dark curve showing that you have made them both the exact same size!

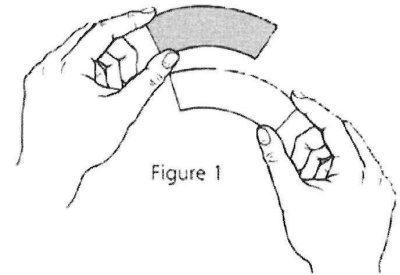


Figure 1

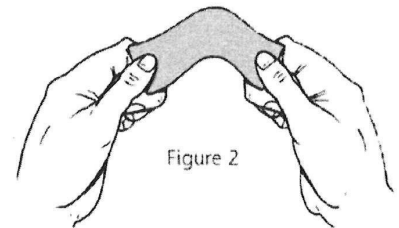


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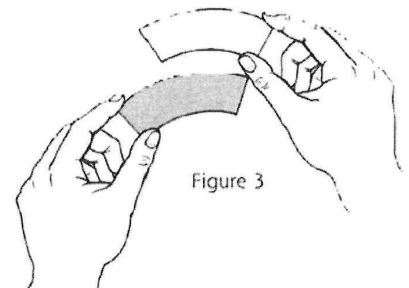


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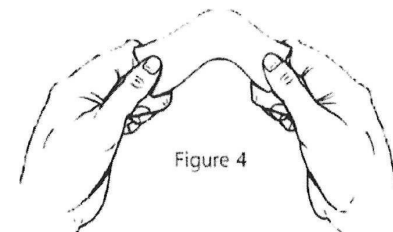


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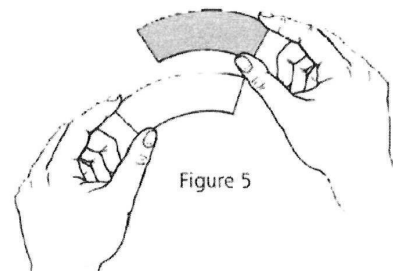


Figure 5

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Props:

Though these curves may not look like they are the same size, in fact they are. That's the secret of the magic trick "Crazy Curves."

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