

## **Levitation Of Another Person**

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Your assistant lies down on the ground or the stage floor on their back. You place a blanket or an extra large cloth over your assistant's whole body completely covering him or her. You stand over your assistant without ever touching them and slowly raise your arms up... As you do so your assistant's body begins to slowly levitate from the ground or stage floor two feet into the air. After a few seconds of levitation your assistant's body slowly comes back down to the ground. You remove the cloth and everything appears normal.

Alright, the solution to this one is REALLY simple. Despite it being super simple, this illusion can be so powerful that it may become one of your favorites! Although it's not hard to pull off, it does take a little practice.

Although you can do this as part of a stage show, I like to preform this trick outdoors with a simple blanket that you can even borrow from someone who's having a picnic. The reason I like to do it outdoors is because it prevents people from thinking there are trap doors or gimmicks on your stage. You can have anyone who wants to examine the blanket before and after the illusion.

For this illusion to work you either need to have an assistant who is in on the illusion, or you can plant a partner in the crowd who can pretend to be a spectator. Either way, they have to know what they're doing because it is really them, not you, that are doing the majority of the work for this trick. They don't have to have any experience or training in magic because it's very simple to pull off with a little practice.

You will simply have your assistant lay on the ground on their back. You will stand over your assistant facing them with your back to the audience. You lift up the blanket or cloth and completely cover your assistant with it...



Here comes the simple maneuver that your assistant will do that will make the trick work...

As you're putting the blanket over them (and out of the view of the crowd) they will rollover onto their stomach. Now that they're in position you will simply finish covering their entire body with the blanket (be sure to not leave any portion of their body sticking out of the blanket). Now you can raise your arms and begin to have them start levitating (or you can get creative and present it any other way you choose). The illusion of them levitating is done by them simply slowly doing a push up while lifting one of their legs (the one closest to the crowd) and keeping it parallel to the ground and the rest of their body (this makes it a one-legged push up). If they do it correctly it looks like you have made them levitate off of the ground!

After a few seconds you will make a motion with your hand bringing them back down to the ground. You can work out verbal signals with your assistant to get the timing perfect. That's really all there is to it! As you're removing the blanket your assistant will roll back onto their back and when the blanket is fully removed you can turn around and take a bow and see the reactions of your audience!

I know this seems simple but it really seems to leave people absolutely stunned!

Enjoy this one, just make sure you practice a few times with your assistant before doing this one in front of an audience for the first time.

Ryan Even (and "Mr. X")

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