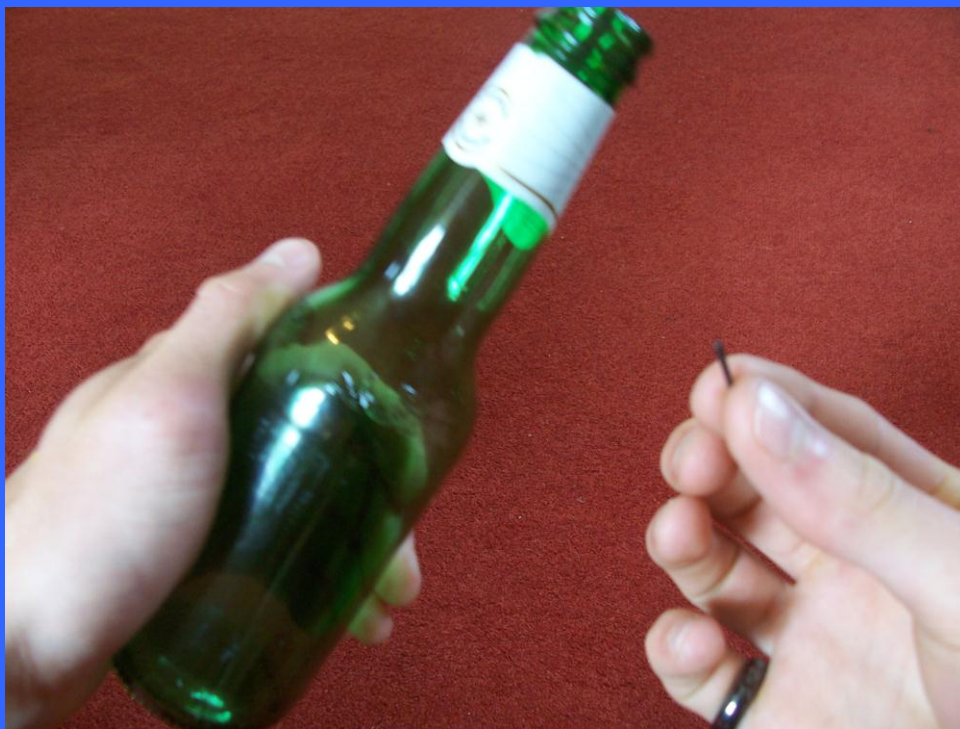


# How To Put A Nail Through a Bottle

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# Introduction

Have you ever seen a really skilful magician perform a trick that leaves you completely baffled?

Well I will show you how to put a metal nail through a glass bottle. However only half of the nail will get through- the other half will be left in your hand, leaving your audience stunned.

The link below is a video of the trick in action- if you want to find out how it is performed, then keep on reading.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rley-lhTwEQ>

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# What You Need

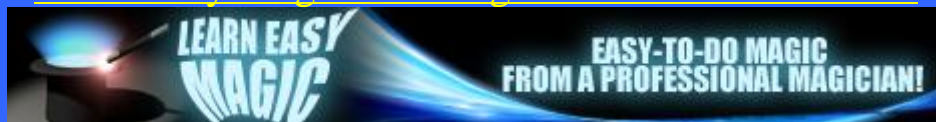
1 Magnetic Ring ([Available On Amazon](#))



1 Empty Beer Bottle

2 Small Nails (1 Cut In Half)

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# How It Works

This trick does look pretty impossible- how on earth can you put a nail straight through a solid glass bottle? The answer is that you can't- in our case half of the bottle is already hidden inside the bottle.

The rest is sleight of hand- I will show you exactly how to hold the whole nail and the remaining half to disguise it from your audience. It is a simple trick but it really works.

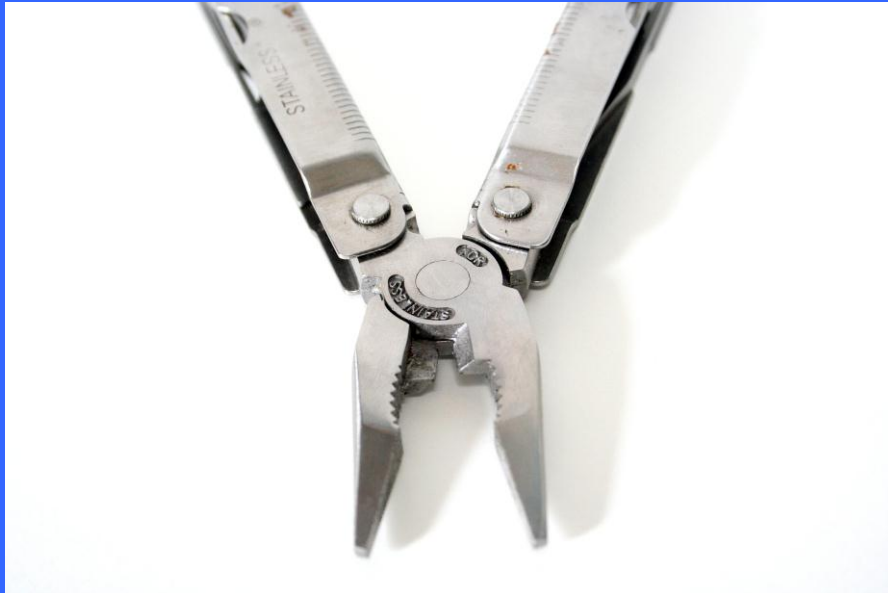
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# Step By Step Guide

## Step 1

First things first, get 2 small nails and cut one of them in half. Be very careful when you do this, using gloves and strong pair of pliers. Ask an adult for help if you are unsure.



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## Step 2

Put the magnetic ring on your right hand- this will hold half of the nail in place, inside the bottle.

If you don't have a magnetic ring you can [buy one from Amazon Here](#).



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### Step 3

Place the pointed end of the nail you have cut in half inside the bottle. Use the magnetic ring to hold it in place. Make sure it is held in place where the neck of the bottle starts to widen- this keeps it well hidden.



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## Step 4

You can now show your audience the inside of the bottle- the nail is hidden out of view by the bottle curve. You can also tip the bottle upside down to prove it is empty.



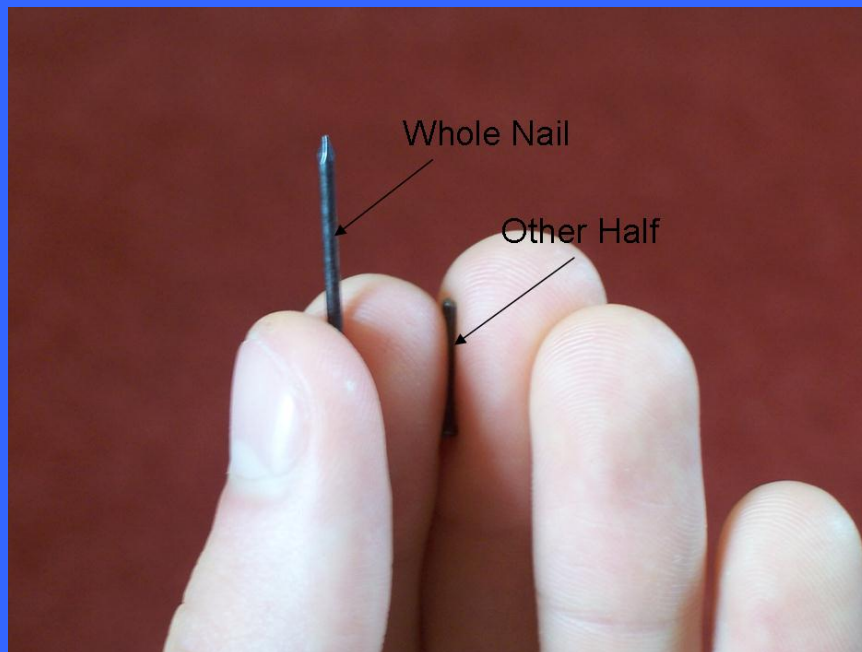
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## Step 5

The next stage is being able to hold the whole nail in you left hand, while hiding the remaining half.

Hold the whole nail between thumb and index finger, and keep the half wedged between your index and middle finger, as shown below.



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## Step 6

If you turn your hand so that the back of your thumb is facing the audience, then the half nail will be hidden from view.

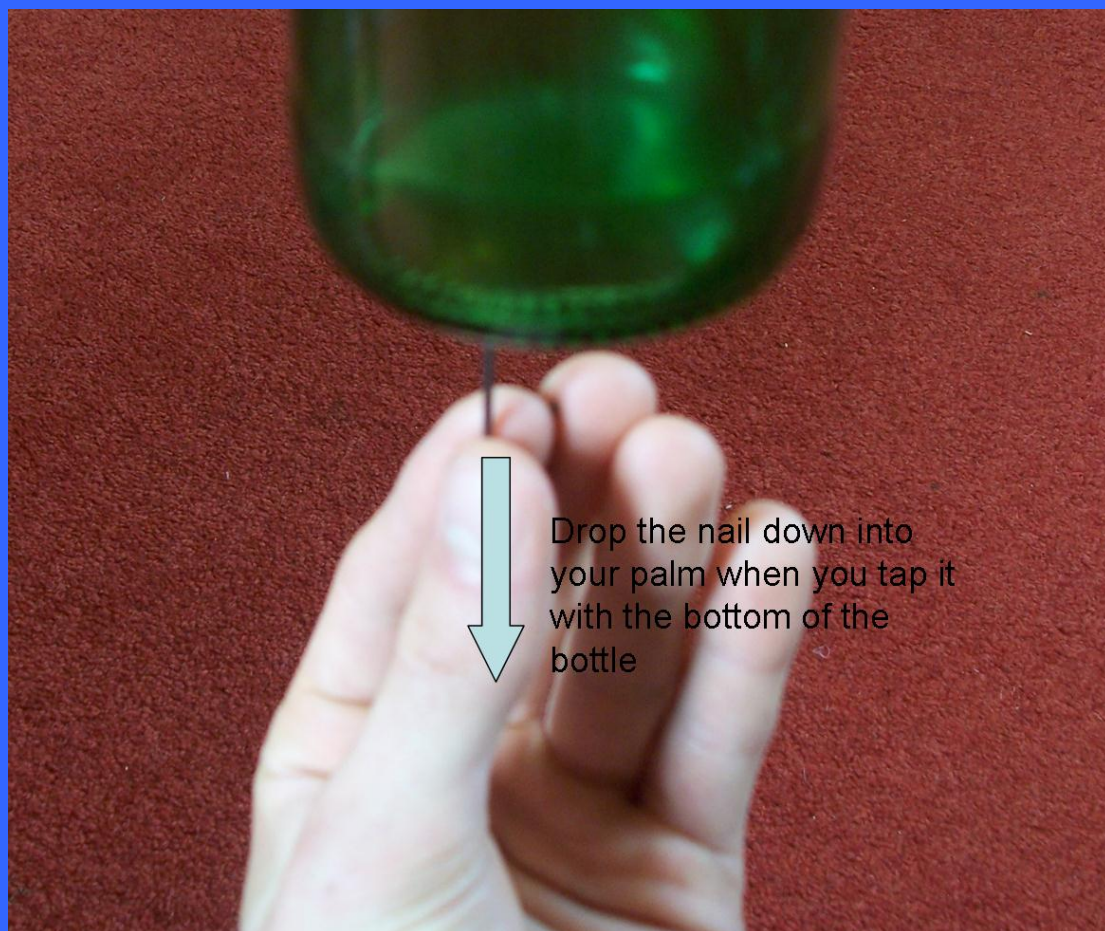


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## Step 7

Now bring the bottle above the nail and tell your audience you are going to push the nail through the bottle. Tap the bottle downwards very lightly, and at the same time, drop the nail into the palm of your hand. At the same time, shift your ring finger, so that the half nail hidden in the bottle slips down.

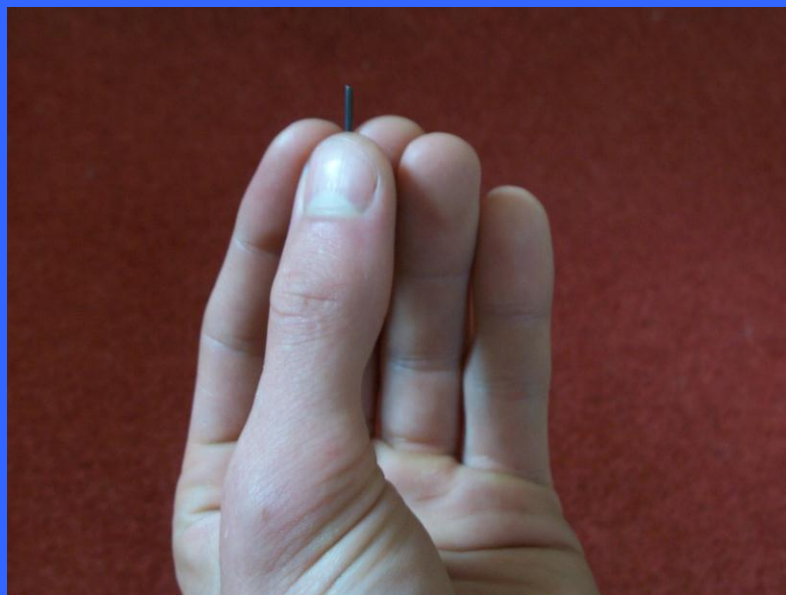


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## Step 8

Shift the half nail upwards, so that the audience can see it, but keep the whole nail hidden from view using the base of your thumb- photos below show you how to keep the whole nail hidden.



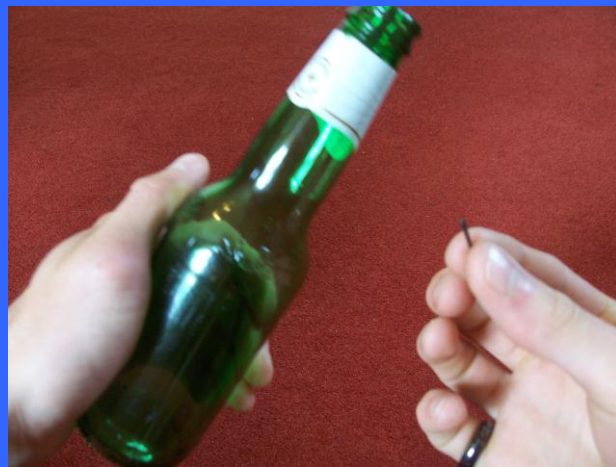
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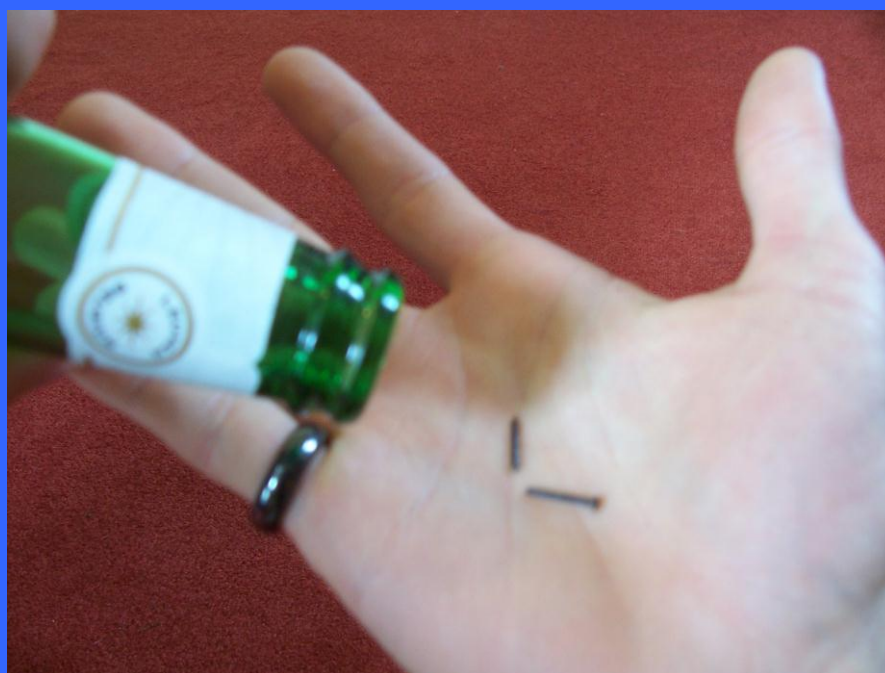
Now you need to switch hands- keep holding the bottle in your right hand, but pick up the half nail with your thumb and forefinger.

Then wrap the palm of your left hand around the bottle and let go of it with your right- this keeps the whole nail hidden against the glass.



## Step 10

Finally tip the half nail that was hidden inside the bottle all along into your right hand, and drop the other half from your fingers into your hand- your audience will be stunned! Just be careful not to let them catch on the magnetic ring.



## Disclaimer

Please be very careful when using nails- it is a good idea to file them down to start with. Howtodomagic.org will not and cannot be held responsible for any accidents- this trick is undertaken at your own risk- Please Be Careful!

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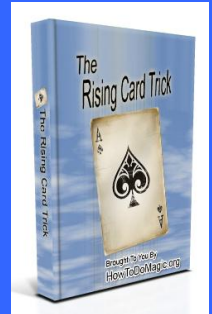
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