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# IMPROMTU CARD BALANCE

Amaze and amuse your friends and family with your new found ability - balance a glass of liquid on a playing card!

## YOU WILL NEED:

- Double sided sticky tape or glue
- An ordinary pack of playing cards (Bicycles are best)

## PREPARATION & SECRET:

The best cards to use for this trick are the 'Magicians Favourite' **Bicycle Playing Cards**. You can get some from Amazon.com [HERE](#) or Amazon UK [HERE](#). Take any ordinary playing card and one of the jokers from the pack. Fold the joker card in two, length ways and place some glue or double sided sticky tape along one side on the face of the joker.

Carefully stick the face of the joker to the back of the regular playing card. **See pic 1** From casual holding and showing front and back (pinching the card(s) together on the open side) the card(s) looks normal. However at any time you can unfold the back of the joker card to act as a stand for the card to stand up and support an object such as a glass. **See pic 2.**

The glass can be empty or contain liquid. You will have to experiment with different glasses and the amount of liquid to put in as the playing card(s) can only take so much weight. But as you can see from **pic 3** the card(s) can hold a fair amount of weight.

To set the trick up place the prepared card into the middle of the deck and get a glass with some coloured liquid in. (The liquid in the glass adds to the impressiveness of the effect as well as adding cover so the spectator can not see the other card through the glass).

## PRESENTATION:

You can either casually shuffle the deck then look as if you are randomly taking any card from it to perform the trick but in fact choose the prepared card. Or if you are a more experienced magician you could try the riffle force to cut to the prepared card. The riffle force basically involves you holding the deck in one hand and riffling through the cards until a spectator says stop (because the prepared card is in fact a double card the riffling will naturally stop at that card). All you have to do is time it right so when the spectator says stop, you stop at the prepared card. This does take practice, but is well worth incorporating into the routine if possible. The second way of forcing the card is obviously the preferred and most effective way but both options are available to you.

Once the card has been introduced, take a glass and fill it with any liquid (to the desired amount you have found to work best) You can of course let the spectator examine the glass, there is after all nothing to find. The first thing you must do when performing the trick is to place the glass on top of the card this provides cover as you open the 'stand' and begin to balance the glass on the card. Once the glass is balanced remove your hands and let the spectators gasp! Don't give them too much time to examine your feat - close the stand remove the glass and place the card casually in the deck then the deck into your pocket. If the spectators ask to see the card you can always carry a duplicate in you pocket and simply give them that to scrutinize! Remember practice, practice, practice and above all have fun with it. ☺:-)

## ALTERNATIVE METHOD WITHOUT A GAFFED CARD: \*BONUS\* BONUS\* BONUS\* BONUS\* BONUS\* BONUS\* BONUS\*

**EFFECT:** The magician shown the spectator an empty plastic cup and a card. The card and cup are shown to be not prepared in any way. Then miraculously, the magician balances the plastic cup on the playing card!

**METHOD:** There's a very simple secret behind this trick. **1.** First, get a plastic cup and playing card (can be chosen by spectator) **2.** Give the two object to the spectator to examine completely. **3.** Once you have the objects, take the playing card and place it underneath the plastic cup to balance. **4.** When you're balancing the plastic cup on the card, behind the card, you place the index finger of the hand holding the card on the plastic cup's bottom. **5.** To the spectator you've just balanced a plastic cup on a playing card!

Performed well this trick is an absolute stunner! After you've performed the trick, you can even hand the plastic cup and the card to the spectator to balance. They won't be able to do it! They'll be absolutely amazed at what you have just done!



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