

Lightning Speed

Faster than lightning, you pull out the selected cards from a shuffled deck!

Effect:

From a pack of cards, remove the black Jack and Queen one Spades, the other Clubs. The spectator is asked to push the two cards into the deck at any place and then you thoroughly shuffle the deck.

Holding the deck between your fingers and thumb, you toss the pack into your left hand and in your right hand are two cards!

They are the black Jack and Queen!

Like greased lightning!

A note from Bryan:

This is another "gutsy" trick, but it's so easy to do, you shouldn't have any trouble with it. Just rehearse it, please!

What You Need:

A pack of cards. That's it.

The Preparation:

Put the Queen of Spades at the bottom of the deck and the Jack of Clubs at the top. Then, place the Queen of Clubs and the Jack of Spades on the top of the deck. You are all set to go.

The Method:

Before I tell you the method, you really have to know *why* this works. You see, the Queen of Spades and the Jack of Clubs look like the Queen of Clubs and the Jack of Spades! (Most people are not so observant.)

So what you do at the start of the trick is to remove the top two cards, the Queen of Clubs and the Jack of Spades. Just show them to your friend and place them *face-down* on the table.

Ask your friend to push the cards into the deck — anywhere they like.

Now, *False Riffle Shuffle* (see Appendix) the deck of cards, but keep the top card (the Jack of Clubs) and the bottom card (the Queen of Spades) where they are.

[The only change in the *False Riffle Shuffle* you learned in the Appendix is that you allow the bottom card to drop *first*. Then riffle the rest of the cards as in the *False Riffle Shuffle* instructions.]

Now... hold the face-down deck in your hand between the fingers and the thumb (the thumb on the top of the pack; the fingers below). Squeeze the pack and toss it onto your other hand — catching it, of course!

Since you've squeezed the cards during the toss, you are left with two cards in your hand!

Show them the cards and say, "***Here they are! Faster than lightning!***"

Trust me, they won't realize that you are showing them two different cards. Act like you've just performed a miracle, put the cards away and smile.

What a con!

