

Mallusionist

Coin Vanisher

Ready to make a common household object vanish in front of your spectators' eyes? Now's your chance! This particular effect takes a little practice to learn, but it's worth it – and some dieting professionals consider it to be aerobic exercise! Wow!

Amazing Effect

A coin is placed on the table and then covered by the Official Mallusionist Coin Vanisher. When the Vanisher is removed, the coin is gone!

Diabolical Solution

Start by printing out these instructions and cutting out the official Mallusionist.com Coin Vanisher which you will find on the next page. (Note that we have included a second, spare Official Mallusionist Coin Vanisher at no charge, just in case you lose or damage the first one.) Make sure that the edges are nice and straight so that this looks like the professional piece of magic equipment it is. You will also need a quarter. If you do not have a quarter and cannot borrow one, you may be able to get one by standing on a street corner and asking for change or, perhaps, selling oranges.

This piece of magic works best when you are seated at a table. Put the quarter on the table. Let the audience inspect the table, table cloth, and quarter to convince themselves there is nothing fishy going on. Take the Official Mallusionist Coin Vanisher out of your pocket, tell your audience what it is and a little about the Website you got it from and all of the great advertising you found there. Then place the Official Mallusionist Coin Vanisher over the coin, taking care that the coin is no longer visible.

At this point, the way you proceed is dependent on how many people are watching.

If you have just one spectator, you are in luck! This is the best possible situation. To vanish the coin, take

hold of one corner of the Official Mallusionist Coin Vanisher with the fingertips of your right hand and say a few magic words (we like “Coinvanishance Houdinipants.”) Then, and quickly as you can, pull off the Vanisher and fling it toward your spectator's face. You need to make sure that you do not actually hit the spectator (because you may cause serious injury or death and be sued into the poorhouse), but just startle the heck out of him or her. At the same time, reach onto the table with your left hand, grab the coin, and stick it in your pocket.

If you don't want to throw things (or you're indoors and you're not supposed to throw things in the house), simply raise the Official Mallusionist Coin Vanisher slowly, keeping it between the spectator's eyes and the coin. When the Vanisher is close to the spectator's face, your left hand can dart in undetected and grab the coin!

If there is more than one spectator, things are more difficult. The original method* involves standing up quickly and pulling away the Official Mallusionist Coin Vanisher, at the same time grabbing the coin with your left hand, “accidentally” knocking the table over, and sticking it (the coin) in your pocket while people are avoiding the table. This method is awkward when seated at a large table or formal dinner, however.

We suggest an alternative method for vanishing the coin in front of a large crowd. Before you perform the trick, coat the upper surface of the coin with a copious amount of honey. If the honey is pure, it should be relatively invisible on the surface of the coin, particularly if the coin is a little tarnished. Make sure that, during the trick, when you place it on the table the honey is facing upward. You should also ensure that there are no bees or flies nearby, as they may prove distracting and try to eat your props.

* See Sly Moniker's lecture notes, “Small Objects and the Upended Chaotic Disappearance,” 1916.

To vanish the coin, place the Official Mallusionist Coin Vanisher on the honeyed penny and press down. When you later lift the Vanisher, the coin will stick to it and nobody who doesn't see the back of the Vanisher will be the wiser!

After you have successfully performed this effect a few times, you will no doubt notice that the method is applicable to many other effects. Although it is intended for use with American coins, the Official Mallusionist Coin Vanisher can (with a little practice) certainly be used with foreign coins. The same basic methods can also be used to vanish other table-top objects such as salt cellars and plates, although a larger official Mallusionist Vanisher may be required. So long as you give us credit and put our logo on top, we give you permission to make Vanishers of any size necessary for your magic purposes.

