

Mallusionist

Magic Card and Number Grid

This self-working magic trick is a true Mallusionist original. You will be able to perform it with little or no practice and look like a super psychic brainiac!

Monumental Effect

A spectator uses a random number to pick a card from a special magical table. The magician then shows that the identity of the card was known before it was chosen.

Deceptive Method

The trick is simplicity embodied, but it is so devious that you might even fool yourself!

In preparation for this trick, you will need to cut out the Mystical Mallusionist Card Locator on page 2 of these instructions. You will also need a queen of hearts from a standard deck of cards or, alternately, a deck of cards from which every card that isn't the queen of hearts has been removed.

Begin by telling the spectator that you are going to use your powers to predict a randomly chosen card. Put the card face down on the table (don't show its face or mention that it's the queen of hearts) and put the Mystical Mallusionist Card Locator face up on the table beside it.

Tell the spectator that you are going to use a randomly chosen number to locate the card. Randomly choose the number 57 (alternatively, you can use the method in the Think of Any Number trick to influence the spectator to choose 57).

The spectator should then look at the Mystical Mallusionist Card Locator. You will note that the Locator is a grid filled with numbers and card names. The card names are a number or, in the case of a face card or ace, letter that stands for the value followed by a letter that stands for the suit (D=diamonds, C=clubs, H=hearts, S=spades in DitCHeS order). So "3D"

would be the three of diamonds, "AS" is the ace of spades, and "JC" is your lord and savior the Jack of Clubs (if your audience tolerates religious humor).

To choose a card, you pick a number, find the square with the number on the grid, and then choose any card on a square adjacent to the square in which the number is. Adjacent means above, below, or diagonal from, so long as it's touching. No fair folding the sheet to make different squares touch.

Now that you've explained that to the spectator, have them use the random number to pick a card. Remind them that they have a free choice of any card listed in a square adjacent to the random number.

After the spectator chooses a card and tells you what it is, turn over the card you put face down on the table. If the card the spectator chose was the queen of hearts, you have a miracle on your hands! (If not, someone either can't read or doesn't follow directions too well.)

Mystical Mallusionist Card Locator

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|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| AD | AC | AH | AS | 2D | 2C | 2H | 2S | 3D | 3C | 3H | 3S | 4D | 4C | 4H | 4S | 5D | 5C | 5H |
| 5S | 1 | 6D | 12 | 6C | 41 | 6H | 71 | 6S | 96 | 6D | 70 | 6C | 97 | 6H | 69 | 7S | 46 | 7D |
| 8C | 8H | 8S | 8D | 9C | 9H | 9S | 9D | 10C | 10H | 10S | 10D | 11C | JH | JS | JD | JC | QH | QS |
| QD | 11 | QC | 2 | KH | 72 | KS | 42 | KD | 55 | KC | 95 | AH | 56 | AS | 25 | AD | 68 | AC |
| 2H | 2S | 2D | 2C | 3H | 3S | 3D | 3C | 4H | 4S | 4D | 4C | 5H | 5S | 5D | 5C | 6H | 6S | 6D |
| 6C | 54 | 7H | 73 | 7S | 3 | 7D | 29 | 7C | 28 | 8H | 82 | 8S | 45 | 8D | 87 | 8C | 24 | 9H |
| 9S | 9D | 9C | 10H | 10S | 10D | 10C | JH | JS | JD | JC | QH | QS | QD | QC | KH | KS | KD | KC |
| AH | 74 | AS | 53 | AD | 30 | AC | 4 | 2H | 81 | 2S | 44 | 2D | 83 | 2C | 88 | 3H | 23 | 3S |
| 3D | 3C | 4H | 4S | 4D | 4C | 5H | 5S | 5D | 5C | 6H | 6S | 6D | 6C | 7H | 7S | 7D | 7C | 8H |
| 8S | 75 | 8D | 98 | 8C | 13 | 9H | 80 | 9S | 94 | 9D | 85 | 9C | 84 | 10H | 22 | 10S | 67 | 10D |
| 10C | JH | JS | JD | JC | QH | QS | KD | QD | QD | QD | KD | KC | KH | AS | AD | AC | AH | 2S |
| 2D | 32 | 2C | 14 | 2H | 52 | 3S | 93 | QD | 57 | QD | 6 | 3H | 21 | 3S | 89 | 3D | 66 | 3C |
| 4H | 4S | 4D | 4C | 5H | 5S | 5D | 5C | QD | QD | QD | 6C | 6H | 6S | 6D | 7C | 7H | 7S | 7D |
| 8C | 15 | 8H | 33 | 8S | 78 | 8D | 58 | 9C | 90 | 9H | 37 | 9S | 7 | 9D | 50 | 10C | 51 | 10H |
| 10S | 10D | JC | JH | JS | JD | QC | QH | QS | QD | KC | KH | KS | KD | AC | AH | AS | A | 2 |
| 2H | 76 | 2S | 92 | 2D | 34 | 3C | 99 | 3H | 36 | 3S | 20 | 3D | 38 | 4C | 8 | 4H | 65 | 4S |
| 4D | 5C | 5H | 5S | 5D | 6C | 6H | 6S | 6D | 7C | 7H | 7S | 7D | 8C | 8H | 8S | 8D | 9C | 9H |
| 9S | 47 | 9D | 77 | 10C | 17 | 10H | 35 | 10S | 19 | 10D | 62 | JC | 86 | JH | 39 | JS | 9 | JD |
| QC | QH | QS | QD | KC | KH | KS | KD | AC | AH | AS | AD | 2C | 2H | 2S | 2D | 3C | 3H | 3S |
| 3D | 60 | 4C | 91 | 4H | 61 | 4S | 18 | 4D | 10 | 5C | 63 | 5H | 49 | 5S | 64 | 5D | 40 | 6C |
| 6H | 6S | 6D | 7C | 7H | 7S | 7D | 8C | 8H | 8S | 8D | 9C | 9H | 9S | 9D | 10C | 10H | 10S | 10D |
| JC | 48 | JH | 16 | JS | 79 | JD | 5 | QC | 27 | QH | 43 | QS | 26 | QD | 31 | KC | 59 | KH |
| KS | KD | AC | AH | AS | AD | 2C | 2H | 2S | 2D | 3C | 3H | 3S | 3D | 4C | 4H | 4S | 4D | 5C |

Select any card you like that is named in a box directly next to, above, or diagonal from the box with your random number.

The completely unpredictable choice is yours!