

PAPER WONDERS



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Welcome to *Paper Wonders*!

Have you ever held a plain piece of paper and thought, “*This is just paper...*”? Well, get ready to change your mind! In this book, paper isn’t ordinary—it’s magical. With a fold here, a snip there, and a sprinkle of imagination, you’ll discover tricks, and creations that will amaze your friends and family.

Every page is an invitation to laugh, learn, and let your creativity soar. All you need is paper, your hands, and a dash of wonder.

So, grab a stack of paper, open your imagination wide, and step into the world of *Paper Wonders*—where every fold hides a secret, and every cut reveals a surprise!

Crazy Compass

Make the Compass

- Cut out both sides of the compass as one. Fold both sides together in the middle. Tape or glue the sides together.

Introduce the Compass

- Say: *“This is my magic compass. It’s supposed to point north, but it has a mind of its own!”*

The Secret Move

- Hold the compass on the upper right corner with your right hand and hold the lower left corner with your left hand.
- When you flip it over, the arrow will either go back and forth, or it will keep going in the same direction depending on how you are holding it.
- Rub the compass on your sleeve as misdirection. This time, hold the compass on the lower right corner with your right hand and the upper left corner with your left hand. This time, when you flip it over, it will do something different.



Baffling Bands – A Paper Loop Surprise!

What Happens

You'll cut three paper loops... and each one will do something totally unexpected!

What You Need

- 3 strips of paper (all the same size)
- Glue or tape
- Scissors

How to Make the Loops

1. Loop #1 – The Normal One

- Glue the ends together to make a simple circle.

2. Loop #2 – The Twisty One

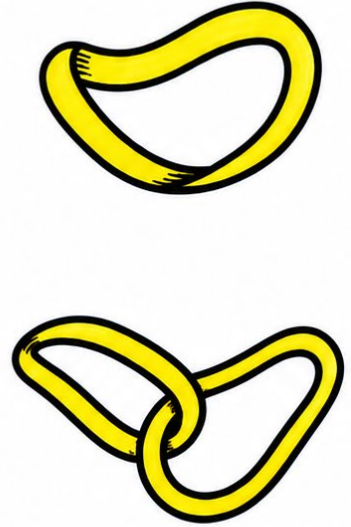
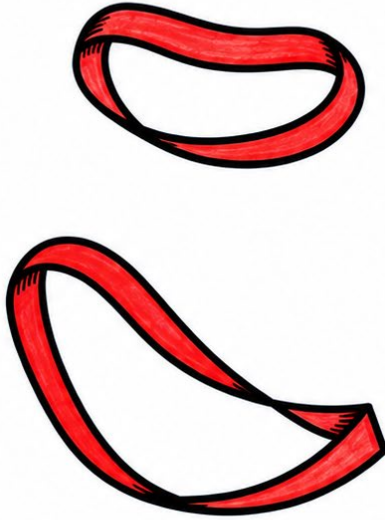
- Before gluing, give one end a **half twist** (flip it over once).
- Then glue the ends together.

3. Loop #3 – The Super Twisty One

- This time, give one end a **full twist** (flip it over twice).
- Glue the ends together.

The Cutting Magic

- Cut **Loop #1** right down the middle. It splits into **two separate loops**. Just what you'd expect!
- Cut **Loop #2** the same way. Instead of two loops, you get **one giant loop**. Whoa!
- Cut **Loop #3** down the middle. Surprise! You get **two loops linked together like a chain**.



Magic Domino Trick

The Trick

You show your friends a special card that looks like a domino.

- First, it has **just one dot** in the middle.
- Flip it over—wow! Now there are **four dots**.
- Flip it back—surprise! The one dot has magically turned into **three dots**.
- Flip again—now the four dots have grown into **six dots**. Every time you flip, the number of dots changes like magic!

The Secret

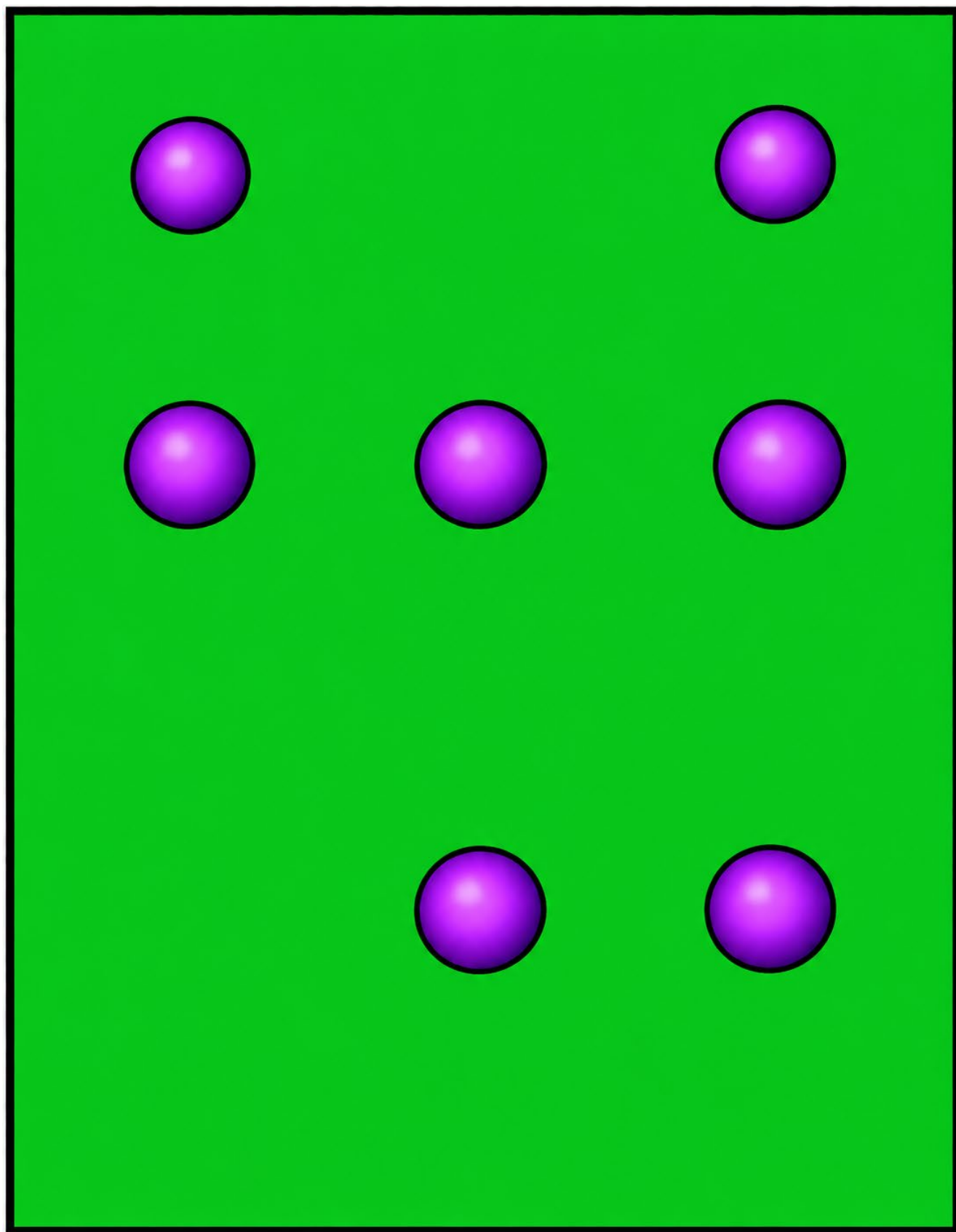
Here's how to make your own Magic Domino card:

1. **Cut out the picture** of the domino card.
2. **Fold it in half** so one side shows two dots and the other side shows five dots.
3. **Tape the sides together** so it stays sturdy.

How to Perform

- Hold the card so you can cover certain dots with your fingers.
- On the side with two dots, cover the bottom dot with your finger and say: "Look, just **one spot!**"
- Flip the card over (left to right). On the side with five dots, cover the middle dot and say: "Now there are **four spots!**"
- Flip the card again (this time bottom to top). Cover the empty space and say: "Wow, now it's **three spots!**"
- Flip once more (left to right). Cover the space again and say: "And now there are **six spots!**"

You can keep flipping back and forth to amaze your audience.



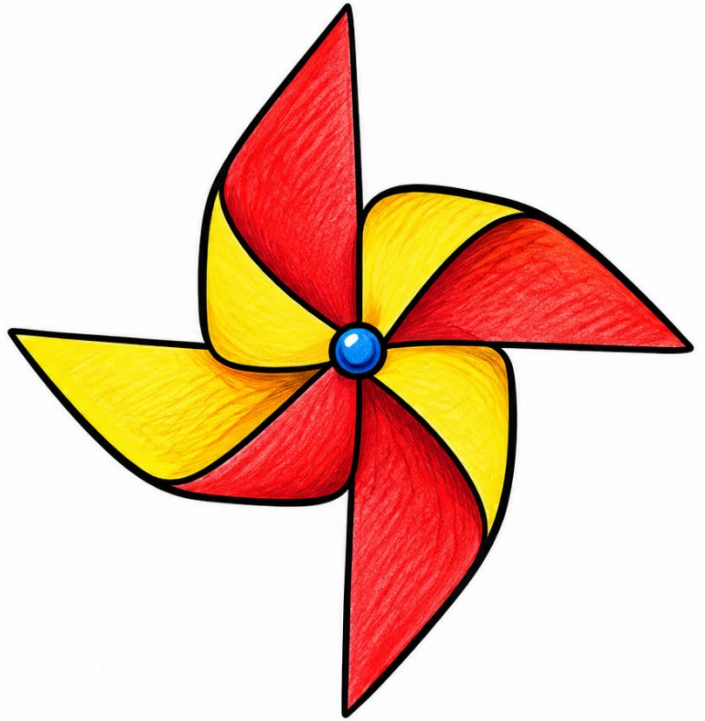
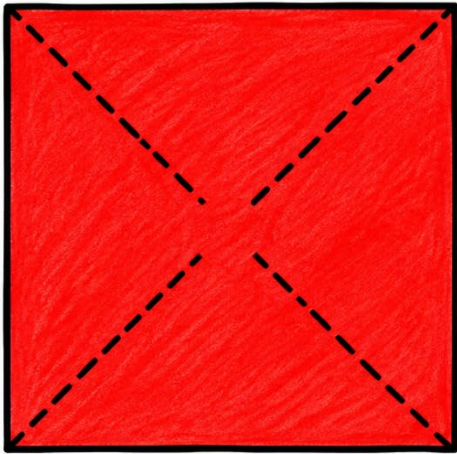
Make Your Own Pinwheel!

What you need:

- A square piece of paper (about 4 inches on each side)
- A pair of scissors
- A pencil with an eraser
- A pin (ask a grown-up to help with this part!)
- Crayons or markers for coloring

Steps:

1. Take your square paper and cut from each corner toward the middle. Don't cut all the way—just stop near the center.
2. Pick up one corner, then skip the next, then fold the next one in, and keep going until you've folded four corners into the center.
3. Hold the corners in place and ask a grown-up to help push a pin through the middle. Attach it to the pencil's eraser.
4. Now you've made a pinwheel! Blow on it gently and watch it spin like magic.
5. Want it to look extra cool? Color your paper before you fold it, so your pinwheel spins with bright designs!



The Million Dollar Clip Trick!

What it looks like: Two paper clips magically jump off a dollar bill and hook together—without you even touching them!

What You Need

- 2 paper clips
- 1 pretend “million dollar bill” (or any dollar bill, play money, or even a strip of paper)

The Secret Setup

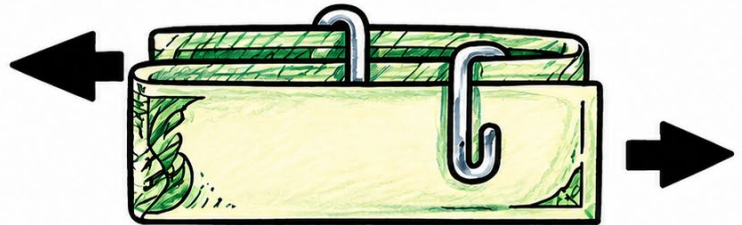
1. **Fold the bill:** Take your bill and fold about one-third of it over.
2. **Add the first clip:** Slide a paper clip onto the folded part so it holds the fold in place.
3. **Fold the other side:** Now fold the opposite end of the bill back the other way.
4. **Add the second clip:** Clip this fold too. Now the bill looks like it has two clips holding it in different spots.

The Magic Moment

Hold the two ends of the bill and **give it a quick pull**. The paper clips will *POP* off the bill and—like magic—snap together in mid-air!

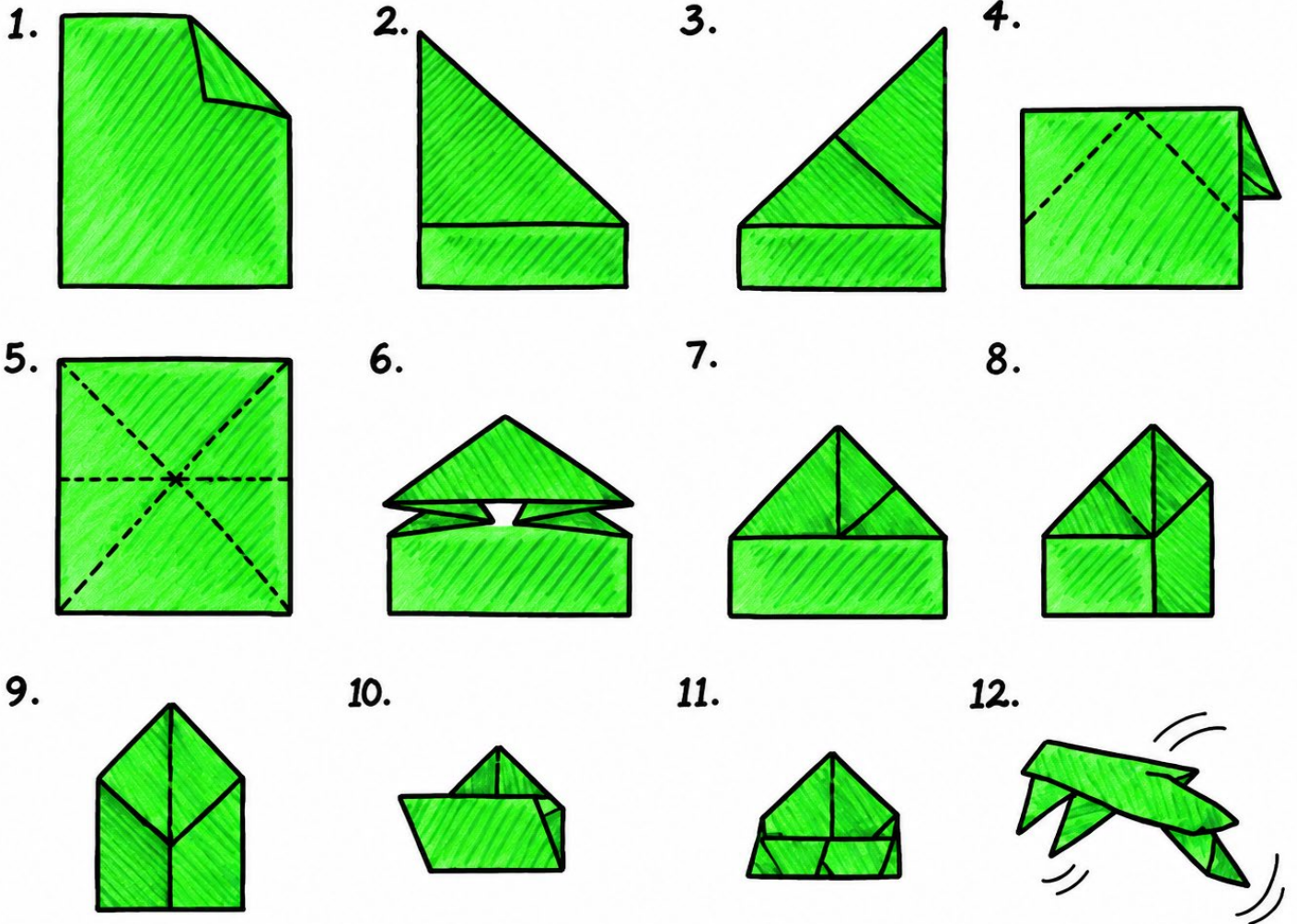
Performance Tip

- Pretend you’re using a “million dollar bill” so the trick feels extra special.
- Say something like: *“This bill is so valuable, even the paper clips want to stick together!”*
- Catch the clips as they link, and show them off like a magician revealing treasure.



Origami Frog

Take a piece of printer paper, fold it accordingly, and you'll have a hopping frog.



Magic Arc Trick

Step 1: Make Your Magic Arcs

- Cut the arcs on the next page out with scissors.

Step 2: Show the Illusion

- Place the two arcs side by side.
- Line up the **top edge** of one arc with the **top edge** of the other.
- Suddenly, one arc looks longer—even though they're the same!
- Try another trick: stand them up vertically.
 - Line up the **bottom ends**.
 - One arc will look taller.
 - Swap their positions, and now the other one looks taller.
- It's like they're playing a game of "Who's bigger?"—but both are secretly equal.

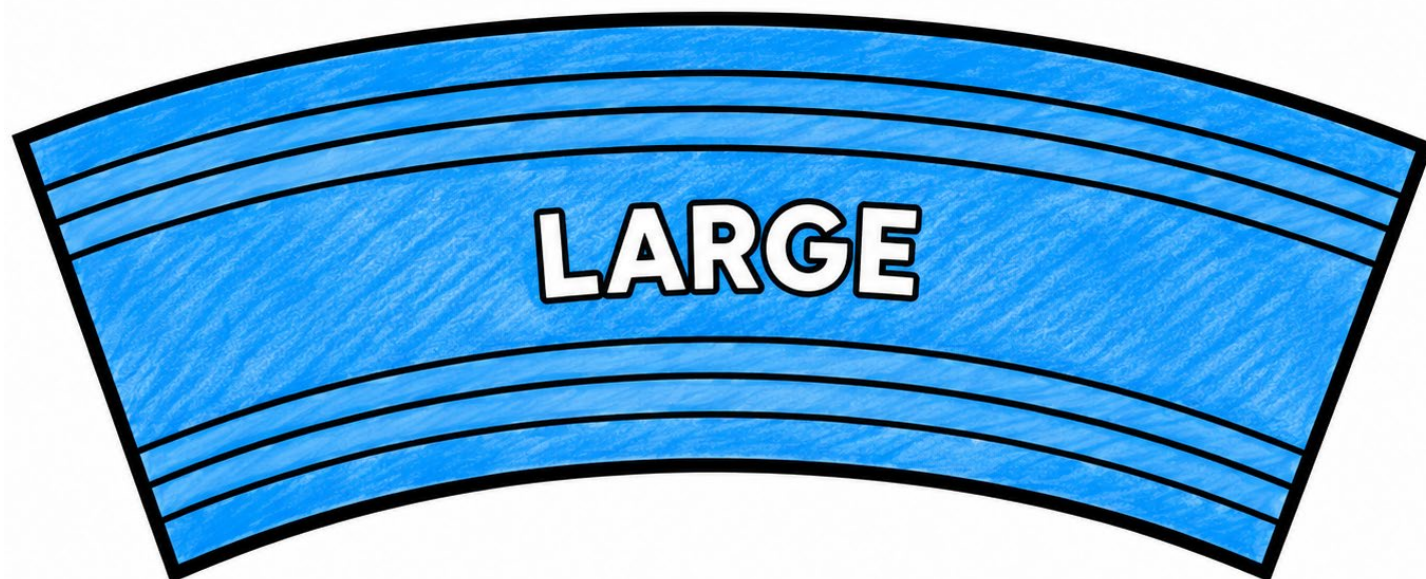
Step 3: Reveal the Secret

- Whisper to your audience:
 - "The arcs are actually identical!"
- The trick works because our brains get fooled by how the arcs are arranged.
- It's not magic—it's **optical illusion science**!

Performance Tip

Add a little flair:

- Pretend the arcs are **racing rainbows** or **stretchy snakes**.
- Ask your friends: "Which one is longer?"
- Then surprise them with the big reveal: "They're the SAME!"



Pick a Number

What the audience sees (the magic effect): A friend thinks of a secret number, and—like magic—you can tell them exactly what number they picked!

How you do it (the magician's secret):

1. Cut out the special number cards.
2. Ask your friend to think of a number (but shhh—they don't say it out loud).
3. Tell them to point to every card that shows their number.
4. Here's the sneaky part: look at the little numbers in the top left corner of each card they pointed to.
5. Add those little numbers together in your head.
6. The total will be their secret number—ta-da!

1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15
17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31
33	35	37	39	41	43	45	47
49	51	53	55	57	59	61	63

8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63

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Make Your Own Paper Helicopter!

Step 1: Get your paper ready

- Cut a strip of paper about the size of a bookmark: 2 inches wide and 5 inches long.

Step 2: Snip, snip!

- Cut down the middle from the top, but stop before you reach the bottom (about halfway).
- Make two little cuts on the sides, just above the halfway mark.

Step 3: Fold the wings

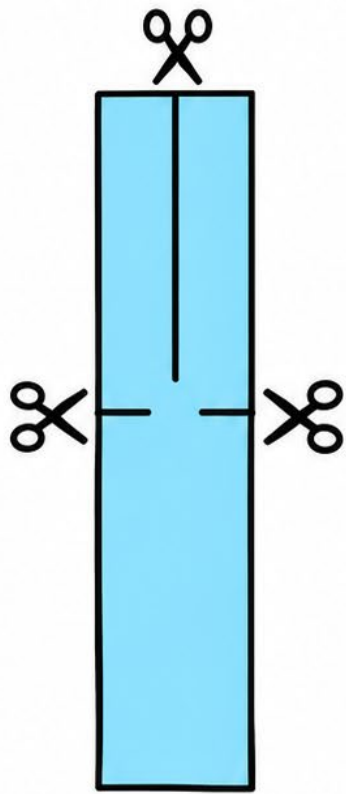
- Bend the top flaps (your helicopter blades!) so one points forward and the other points backward.
- Fold the bottom flaps over each other to make the “tail.”

Step 4: Twist the stem

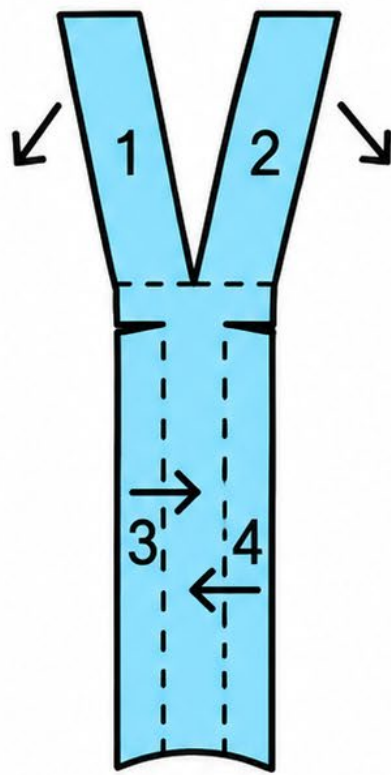
- Give the bottom part a little twist so it's strong enough to hold.

Step 5: Fly time!

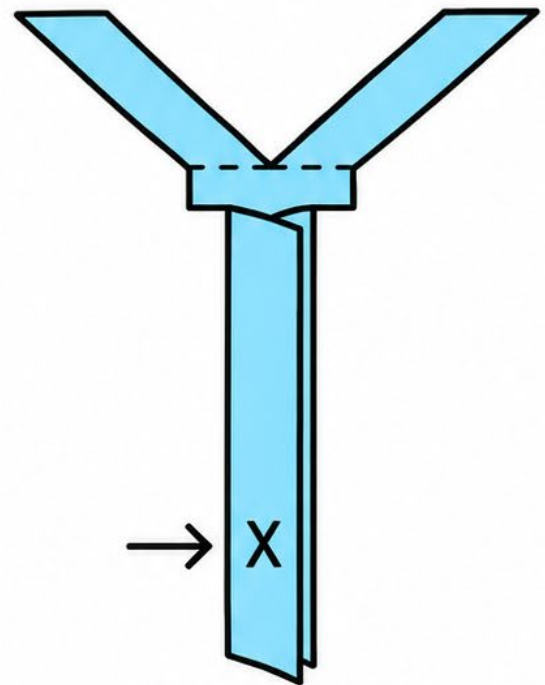
- Hold your paper helicopter high above your head.
- Let go and watch it spin and whirl down—just like a real helicopter!



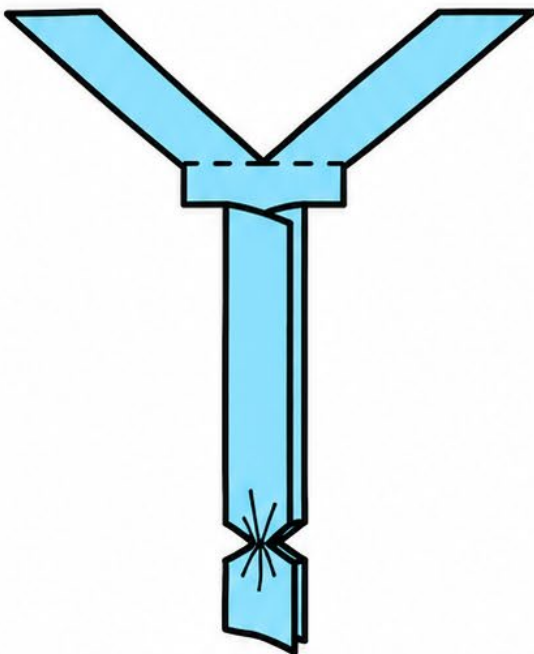
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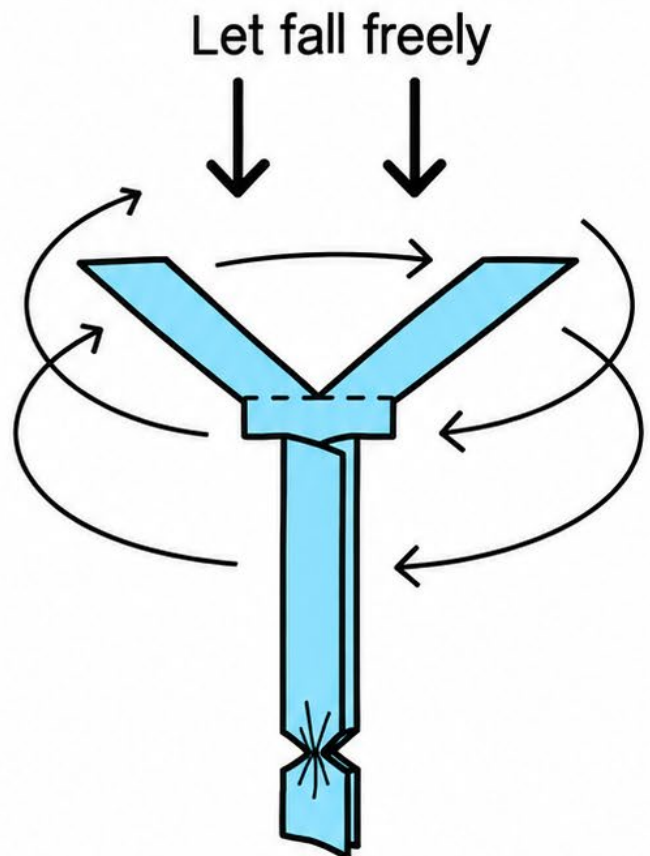
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Step 5

Let fall freely

Pick a Card, Any Card!

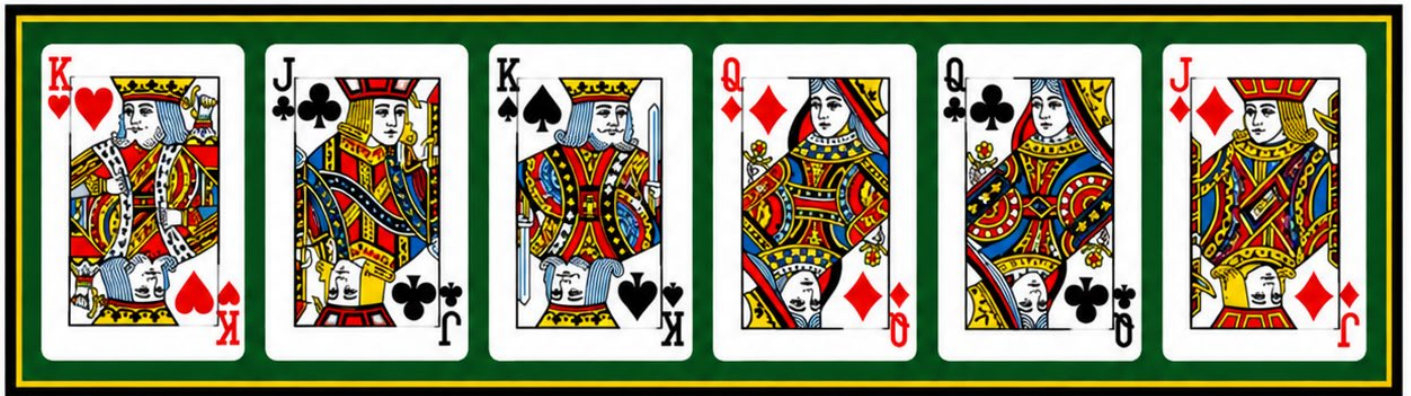
The Effect (What the audience sees)

You invite a helper (maybe a friend or classmate) to pick a card. When they do, it magically matches the prediction you wrote down before the trick even started! The audience gasps—how did you know?!

The Secret (How it really works)

- You'll make a special set of cards by cutting out the picture on the next page as **one big connected strip**.
- Cut out the picture of the rabbit holding the King of Spades. This is your secret prediction.
- Ask your helper to choose a number between **one and six**.
- Spell or count through the cards to land on the **King of Spades** every time.
- Ta-da! The prediction matches perfectly. *(You can also use real cards if you want to make it look extra fancy.)*

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1 2 3
4 3 2 1
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A B C Magic Trick

The Amazing Effect

You show your friends that you can magically predict a word made from random letters.

The Secret Steps (Shh... Don't Tell!)

1. **Make a prediction:** Have the CAGE picture folded up as a prediction.
2. **The trick:** Cut out the picture that has alphabet letters on it as one piece.
3. **Mix it up:** Ask a friend to fold the paper along the lines. They can fold it any way they want!
4. **Cut them out:** Have them trim off the edges so now there are 8 little pieces of paper, each with a letter. (Have an adult help.)
5. **Flip and sort:** Your friend separates the letters that are face-up from the ones that are face-down.
6. **Make a word:** Tell them to try to make a word using all the face-up letters. If that doesn't work, they can use the face-down letters instead.

The Magical Surprise

No matter how they fold or flip, the letters will spell the word **CAGE**! And you'll look like you predicted it all along.

A

B

C

D

H

G

F

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How the Magic Brick Wall Works

This trick looks impossible! At first, the prop looks like a solid brick wall. But when you move the pieces around, a square hole magically appears in the middle!

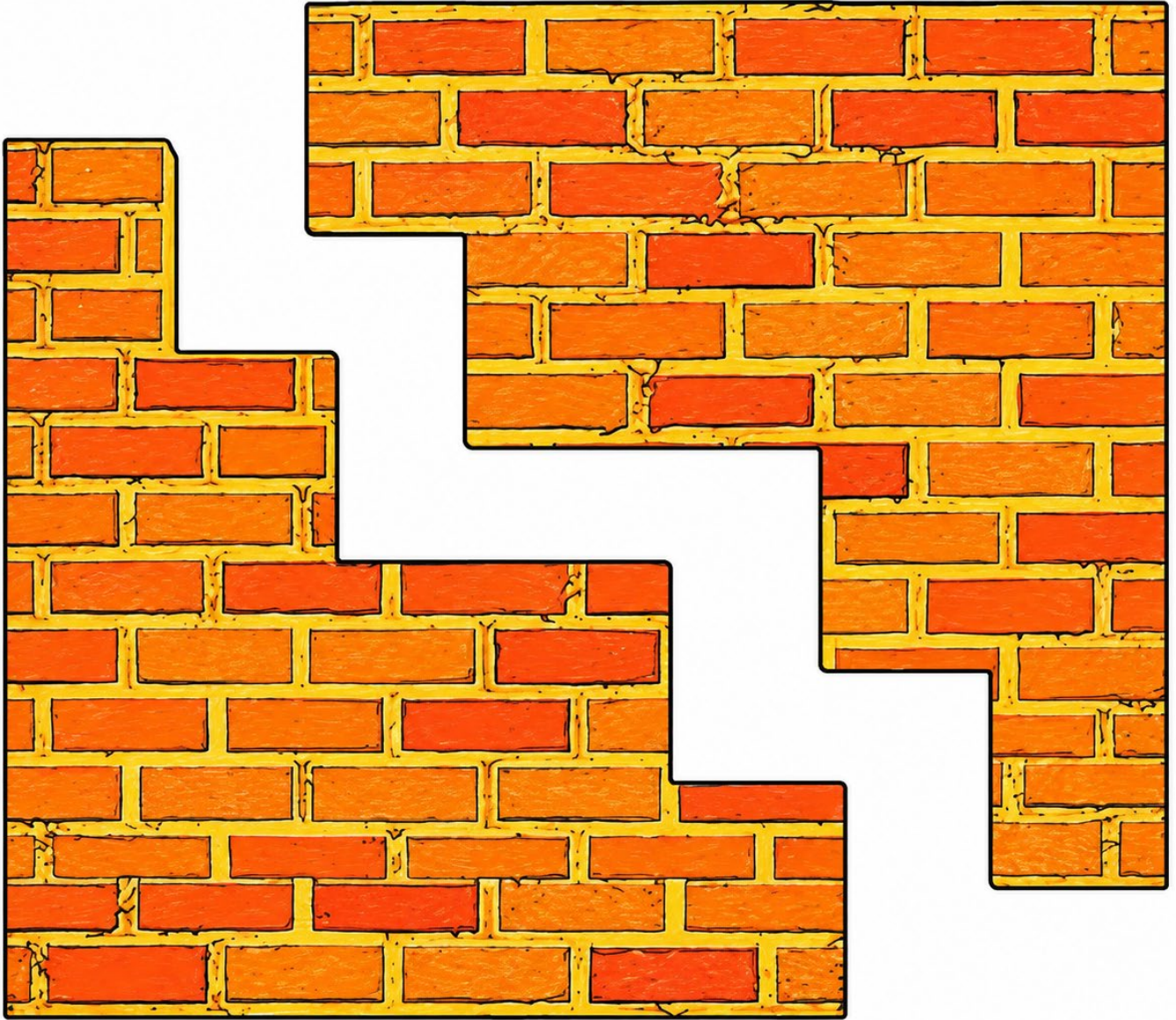
The Secret

The secret is that the wall is really made from two puzzle pieces with jagged edges that make a rectangle. Practice putting the pieces together to make a rectangle. You'll find that you can make a rectangle two ways. One way looks like a brick wall, and the other way looks like a brick wall with a window.

1. First: Put the two pieces together so all the bricks match. The wall looks completely solid.
2. Next: Pick up the two pieces and switch their places.
3. Now look! A square hole has appeared in the center!

Nothing really disappeared. The special shapes of the pieces and the way the bricks are drawn make the empty space appear when the pieces change places.

It looks like magic—but it's really a clever puzzle using shapes and geometry!



Added Bonus!

Here is the pattern for your very own rabbit finger puppet! Just cut it out and tape the tabs together.

