

The Hole in Hand Optical Illusion

You can see through object like a super hero with X-ray vision. In the optical illusion a hole appears in your hand and you can see right through it.

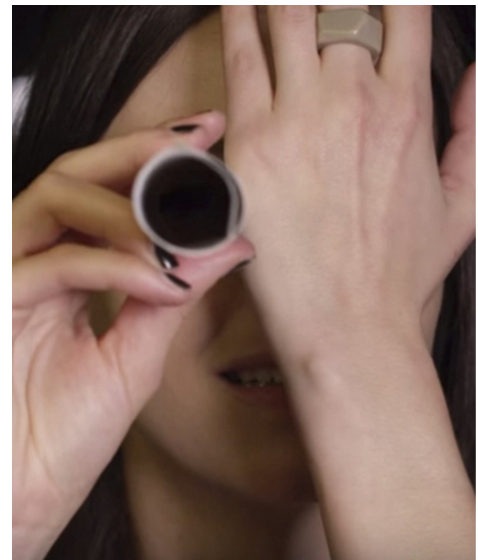
What You Need:

- A piece of paper
(printer paper is fine)



How to do it:

- Roll up a piece of paper to create a narrow tube
- Put up to your eye and look through it
- Keep both eyes open
- Hold your other hand about two inches from your other eye and against the paper tube (like the picture to the right)
- Look into the distance with both eyes and do not focus on your hand
- Do this for around 10 seconds
- A hole will appear in your hand and now you can tell your friends you have X-Ray vision



Static Pencil

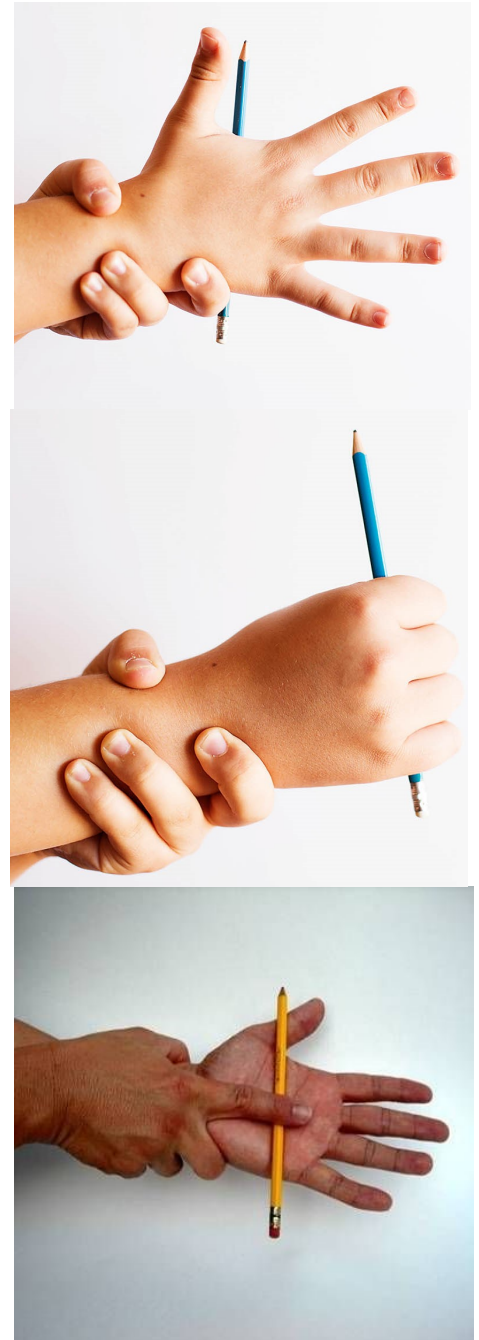
Control Static electricity and have a pencil stick to you hand.

What You Need:

- A penile, pen, spoon or other small flat long object (you can even use a magic wand)

How to do it:

- Start with a small long object like a pencil, butter knife, straw etc. Place it in your hand wrapping all your fingers around it
- Grip with your other hand around your wrist (this works well if the object is a little heavier so you can pretend you need help keeping your hand up.)
- Place the index finger of your hand that is around your wrist on over the object and press it against the palm of the hand holding it.
- Then slowly release the fingers from the grip of the hand holding the pencil.
- The pencil will look like its stuck to you hand
- Close you finger around the pencil
- Take you hand off of your wrist
- Open you hand with the pencil
- Accept your round of applause



Don't show anyone the inside of your hand. Only the back of your hand– you don't want anyone to see your finger holding the pencil.

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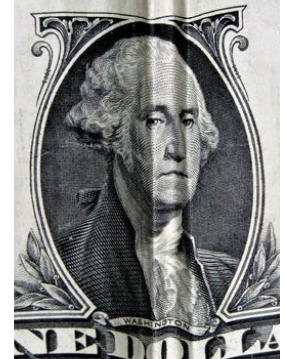
Smiling Dollar Bill

What's the facial expression of the president? Happy? Sad? Believe it or not, you can make George Washington's face smile or frown on a dollar bill if you know the secret to this visual foolery.

What You Need:

- A Dollar Bill

How to do it:



- Start with George's portrait facing you.
- Make a "mountain fold" through the middle of George's left eye. In origami terms, this means to fold the bill away from you.
- Make a second mountain fold through the middle of his right eye. Make sure that these creases are sharp.
- Make a "valley fold" between the two previous folds so that the crease is between George's eyes and nose.
- To make a valley fold, fold the bill toward you. If all of these folds have you confused, check out the photos for clarification. (next page)
- Pull on the ends of the bill slightly so that you can see his entire face, but make sure that the folds are still present.
- Hold the portrait side of the bill in front of you with the face tilted upward. Notice how George smiles at you!
- Slowly begin to tilt the bill downward, as if George were looking at the floor.
- Don't take your eyes off George's face because his smile will magically turn into a frown!

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