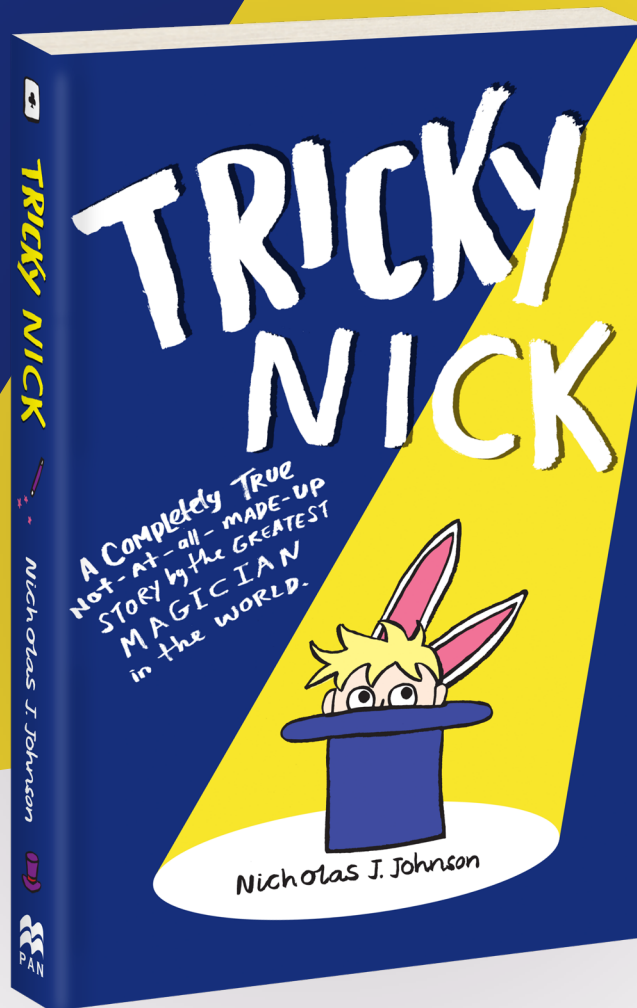


'This tale is
so incredible, so
unbelievable, you'll swear
I'm making it up. But
you can trust me, I'm a
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The Marvellous Matchboxes

In this trick, you're going to play a simple game with your friend. But because you're a magician, you're going to cheat! All they have to do is follow which matchbox has coins in. No matter how close they watch, they never can!

You will need

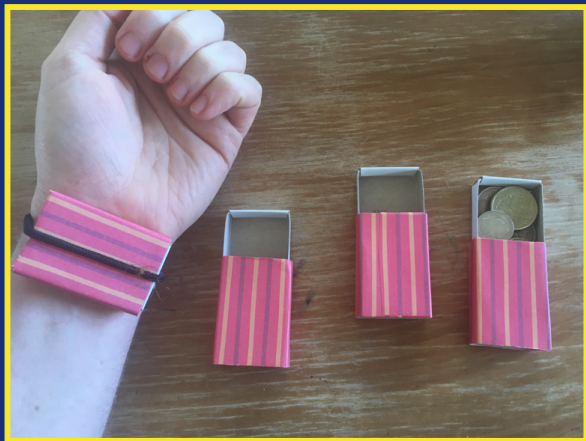
- Four empty matchboxes
- A handful of loose change
- Blu tack
- A thick rubber band or hair tie.

Step One

Use the Blu tack to stick half of the coins into the tray of one of the matchboxes. They will no longer make a sound when the matchbox is shaken. Sneaky huh?

Step Two

Place the remaining coins in another matchbox. Attached this matchbox to your left wrist using the rubberband. You will need to be wearing long sleeves to hide this matchbox. This, by the way, is the Big Secret. Don't let anyone know it's there.



Step Three

Show your friend two empty matches and one that is full of coins. Be careful they don't notice that the coins are stuck in place!

Step Four

Mix up the matchboxes and ask your friend to guess where the coins are. Make sure you tell them they're not allowed to touch the matchboxes. They can only point.

Step Five

If you shake a matchbox with your left hand, the matchbox around your wrist will also shake, making a noise. If you shake a matchbox with your RIGHT hand to not make a sound. No matter which matchbox they point to, shake it with your right hand and they'll lose!

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