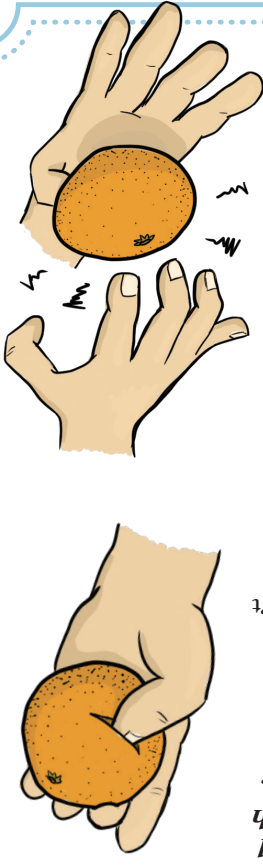


*A real orange is placed on your hand then, with a wiggle of the fingers, floats in mid air!*

**What You Need:** An orange.  
**The Secret:** With your left thumb, poke a hole into one side of the orange, so it can snugly fit on your thumb. Don't let anybody see the hole!

**Performance:** Place the orange on your left hand, with the hole on the back side. Secretly slip your left thumb into the hole, as your right hand is "mysteriously waving" above the orange. With a wiggle of your right fingers, slowly lift the orange up as it sticks on the end of your left thumb. From the front, nobody can see your thumb, and the orange appears to float! Don't let it float too long. Slowly lower the orange, then peel it to show it's just an orange. (and as you peel it, destroying all evidence of the hole!)



## Orange Float

*A candy cane rests on your fingers. Turning your hand over it remains stuck in place, defying gravity, until it falls on command!*

**What You Need:** A candy cane wrapped in plastic and a small piece of clear tape.  
**The Secret:** Prepare a small piece of tape by folding it over on itself, leaving a little sticky bit at one end. Cut a narrow strip of that tape, and attach it to the middle of the candy cane, creating a small flap. This will let your fingers secretly hold the cane in place.

**Performance:** Place the candy cane gently on your fingers, letting the secret tape flap go between two fingers. Squeeze those fingers together to hold the tape, then turn your hand over. The cane will stay in place! When you say "Go!" release the cane and the tape falls. Flatten the tape flap and it will be almost impossible to see against the plastic wrapper.



## Candy Stick

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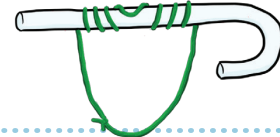
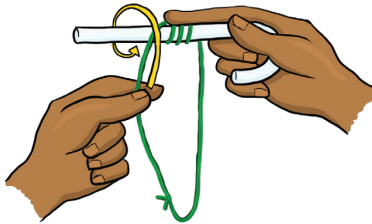
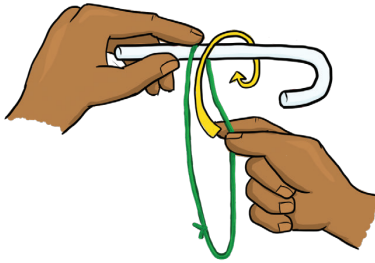
## Peppermint Pull

**Wrapping a ribbon tightly around a candy cane, with a pull it passes right through the solid cane!**

**What You Need:** A large candy cane and a ribbon or string tied in a loop.

**The Secret:** While it looks like you are wrapping the ribbon tightly around the cane, you are actually *unwrapping* it.

**Performance:** Place the loop of ribbon around the candy cane, and let it hang from the center. With your left finger, hold the ribbon in place at the center point. Your right hand pinches the hanging ribbon, and winds it around the cane three times on the right side. Switch hands, so your right hand now holds the cane and the ribbon in place.



Next your left fingers pinch the left side of the hanging ribbon, and wrap it three times on the left side of the cane. Because you are winding it in the opposite direction, you are actually unwinding what you did on the right side. (Look closely at the illustration below to see how the ribbon ends up.) Make sure your finger holds the ribbon in place to prevent it from falling off.

When it's time to make some magic, you can pull down on the hanging ribbon. It will unwrap itself and pull free from the candy cane!

## Santa Squeeze

**Like Santa can squeeze through a tiny chimney, you can send a large coin through a small hole with a little magic!**

**What You Need:** A piece of paper and a coin.

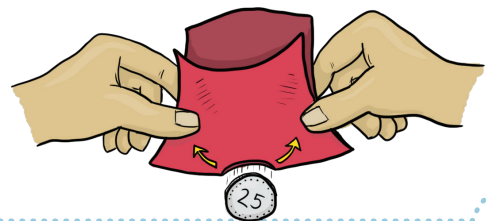
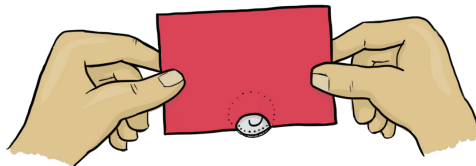
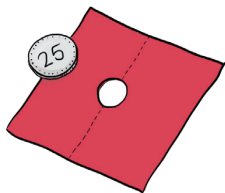
**The Secret:** Without ripping the paper, you can stretch the hole to let the coin pass through.

**Performance:** Fold the piece of paper in half, and tear out a small half-circle to make a round hole. You will need to experiment to find the smallest possible hole for your

coin. Rest the coin inside the folded paper so it pokes through the hole. Obviously not big enough for the coin!

How can the coin go through without ripping the paper? Just like the big guy in the red suit standing on your roof, trying to squeeze through a small chimney... it just takes some magic!

Pinching the paper tight, turn your hands in, so that the top edges of the paper bend. The folded bottom edge, where the hole is, will stretch out. You can stretch the hole just enough so that the coin can fall through!



## Loopy Loops

**Cutting one paper loop into two paper loops ends with a surprising and magical result!**

**What You Need:** Strips of wrapping paper, tape, and scissors.

**The Secret:** These are called *Möbius Strips*, and they create a fun mathematical experiment!

**Preparation:** You need three long, narrow strips of paper. Make the first into a normal loop, taping the two ends together. With the second strip, make another loop, but before you tape it together give one end a half twist, flipping the end upside down. Then tape it together that way. For the third loop, give it **two** half-twists before you tape it.

**Performance:** Beginning with the un-twisted loop, use your scissors to cut right down the middle of the loop. Cut all the way around, and you'll create two matching loops, as expected. Now, do the same to your twisted loops. Cut down the middle and see what happens! I'm not going to ruin the surprise. Try it and find out for yourself! Now I wonder what might happen with **three** twists...

