

DUPLICITY

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Effect:

The spectator selects a seemingly random card and places it anywhere they would like back into the deck. The deck is shuffled and the spectator makes two piles, then chooses either pile. The magician points out that the spectator could have chosen any card. The magician checks that the spectator did not happen to pick one card in specific, by asking, because that particular card is mischievous and tends to beg for attention. The spectator confirms that they did in fact select that card. The top card of the spectator's pile is turned over to show that it is, in fact, that very card – their card!

Setup:

Place a duplicate card on the top and bottom of the deck in advance. That is all.

Presentation/Procedure:

Perform a series of false cuts and divide the deck onto the table into two face down halves. Magician's choice the half with the duplicate card on top and have the spectator take and look at that top card while you place the remaining cards atop the other half. Pick up the cards and spread them face down allowing the spectator to lose their card anywhere into the deck that they would like. Perform a riffle shuffle keeping the bottom card on the bottom. Hand the deck to the spectator and instruct them to make two piles by alternating cards back and forth onto the table, face down. Take note of where the last card lands, pick up the other pile, ask about the mischievous card and have the spectator turn over their card.

Ditch that card so that the deck can be inspected if needed.