
All About Magic Patch

Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors

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Discover

Learn about a famous magician. When and where did she/he live? Was she/he famous for a specific trick? What type of props did she/he use?

Find out what it takes to become a magician. Is there a school for magicians? What training is required? How long do you have to study or train? What are the challenges of being a magician?

Interview a local magician. How did she/he get started? How long has she/he been doing magic tricks? What is her/his favorite trick? Who is her/his role model? What kind of training does she/he have? What was the hardest trick to learn? What was the easiest? What was the first? What else can you think of to ask?

Learn about being a magician's assistant. What kind of training is involved? Is it dangerous? Is it something you would like to do? If she/he had an assistant, what was her/his job? Do you think you could do what she/he did?

Learn about the three different types of magic.

What does the term "patter" mean?

Name three popular magic tricks. Can you find out who invented them?

Connect

Learn a variety of magic tricks using the following items:

- Deck of cards
- Piece of string
- Coin
- Rubberband
- Piece of paper
- Pepper

Attend a magic show. What was your favorite trick? What did you like about the magician? Did the magician ask for audience assistance? Did the magician have an assistant? What did the assistant do during the magic show?

Visit a magic shop. What types of props does a magician use? Ask to see a magic wand. What makes it magic? Make a list of props you think a magician should have.

Often magic involves illusions, an unreal image. Check out the Web site www.optillusions.com to learn more about illusions.

Visit the Houdini Museum in Scranton, PA. Talk about your visit at the next troop meeting. What did you learn? What surprised you the most?

Take Action

Teach younger Girl Scouts a variety of card tricks and other simple magic tricks.

Create a poster and perform a magic show. You choose the audience – your family, another Girl Scout troop, day camp unit, preschool, nursing home, etc.

Make a magic kit for other troops in your service unit to use.

Create a book of optical illusions and donate to your local library, children's hospital, etc.