

DARK MAGIC MIND READING TRICK

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Materials

- Various objects (at least two of them should be black)
- A table or flat surface

Instructions

1. Gather the objects: Collect a variety of objects to place on the table. Make sure to include at least two objects that are black in color. Encourage the Scouts to contribute their own objects as well, to add to the diversity.
2. Explain the setup: Let the Scouts know that you will be leaving the room temporarily, while they select an object and set it on the table. Assure them that the chosen object will remain a secret.
3. Exit the room: Excuse yourself from the meeting space, giving the Scouts a chance to choose an object and place it among the others on the table.
4. Engage your secret helper: Before leaving, discreetly enlist the help of a trustworthy assistant, such as a Den Chief or an older Scout, who will act as your secret helper. Brief them on how the trick works, ensuring they understand their role in pointing at the objects.
5. Return to the room: After a suitable amount of time, re-enter the meeting space, where the objects are still displayed on the table.
6. Secret helper's role: Instruct your secret helper to seemingly randomly point at the objects on the table, one by one. Emphasize that they should avoid any obvious patterns or gestures that may give away the trick.
7. Elimination process: As your secret helper points to each object, confidently state, "No, that is not the object," except when they point to one of the black objects. Maintain an air of mystery and intrigue throughout.
8. Reveal the mind-reading moment: When your secret helper eventually points to a black object, you know that the next object he points to will be the object which was chosen. So when the object after the black object is selected, dramatically declare, "Yes, I have read your mind! That is the object you chose!"
9. Repeat the trick: Repeat the process a few more times, allowing different Scouts to choose objects and experience the thrill of having their selected object revealed.

Notes

- Showmanship is key: Enhance the performance by hamming it up and captivating the Scouts' attention with your enthusiastic delivery and gestures. The more engaging and theatrical your performance, the more the Scouts will enjoy the trick.
- Maintaining secrecy: Be discreet about your collaboration with the secret helper. Avoid any suspicious actions or signals that might reveal the coordination between you and your assistant.
- Settling back down: After completing the trick, allow a moment for the Scouts to settle back into the meeting, refocusing their attention on the agenda or transitioning smoothly into the next activity.