

Two Automatic Tricks

Facing Colours

Setup: You need a face-down packet of eight cards in alternating colour (red/black) order.

Procedure:

- (1) Cut the packet as many times as you would like.
- (2) Turn over the top two cards together as a unit.
- (3) Repeat steps 1 and 2 a few more times until you're satisfied that the cards are mixed.
- (4) Deal the cards alternating into two piles (i.e. deal one card left, one right, and so on).
- (5) Take either packet, flip it up-side down and drop it onto the other packet.

Result: You'll note that all the black cards are facing one way (face up or face down) and the red cards are facing the other way.

The JAC ID card trick

Setup: Roll a die six times to generate a random six-digit number (say 123463). Take your John Abbott Student ID Number and SUBTRACT that generated number. Now you have a new SECRET number that nobody could know and is unique to you.

Take out card values representing that secret number. You can use A to represent a one and Q to represent a zero. Now put them in order into a face-up pile with the first number uppermost and the final number at the back.

Procedure:

- (1) Roll a die (or randomly pick a number between 1 and 6).
- (2) Deal that number of cards from the top of the face-up packet onto the table and drop the remaining cards on top.
- (3) Pick up the packet of cards and turn it face down.
- (4) Roll a die again to get a new number between 1 and 6 (preferably not 1). Remember the number.
- (5) Move that number of cards (one at a time from the top to the bottom of the packet).
- (6) Turn the top card of the packet face up and place it back on top.
- (7) Move that same number of cards from the top to the bottom, When you're done, once again, turn the top card face up, leaving it place.
- (8) Repeat the procedure from Step 7 exactly four more times (a total of six times)

Result: If you've followed the instructions properly, you should have exactly one remaining face-down card. It will be an ace.