

The Magic Straw Trick

Wow all your friends with this fantastic magic straw trick. Dress up as a magician to really get into character.



What you will need:

- A bottle with a flat-topped lid
- A plastic straw
- A tea towel
- A Magicians outfit (optional)

- First, place the bottle (with its flat-topped lid screwed on) onto a table
- Balance the straw on its lid
- Invite an audience member or two to try to make the straw move *without* touching it or blowing it (they won't be able to)
- Tell them that you will be able to make it move using only the power of your mind. Pass the straw around to the audience and get them to inspect it to make sure that it is a regular drinking straw
- Next, rub the straw a lot with your tea towel, explaining that you are just trying to get the grease from their fingers off the straw so it won't affect things. In actual fact, you aren't cleaning your straw, you are in fact charging it with static electricity!
- Place the straw back on the bottle. Do this by holding the straw in the middle and carefully removing your fingers in an upwards motion so the straw doesn't move.
- Put your hands to the sides of your head and make an announcement that you are now going to use the power of your mind to move the straw
- Let your hands hover near the sides of the straw. The electrical charge will be attracted to your hand when it's close enough and if you then move your hand away a little bit, the straw should move towards your hand. **Static electricity is super fun and everyone loves a good performance!**