

Amazing Location

Most magic tricks require some advance preparation. However, the “Amazing Location” trick is good because it requires no advance preparation, just a little bit of showmanship. This trick requires a standard 52-card deck. Here’s what you need to do:

- 1) Have three people each select a card from the deck without showing it to you (or have one person select three cards).
- 2) Tell them to memorize their card and to hold it until you ask them to put it back into the deck.
- 3) Deal one pile of 10 cards face down. (pile 1)
- 4) Next to that pile, deal a pile of 15 cards face down. (pile 2)
- 5) Next to that pile, deal another 15-card pile face down. (pile 3)
- 6) Hand the remaining 9 cards to someone in the audience and tell that person that you will ask him or her to do something with the cards later.

Have the first person put his or her card on top of the 10-card pile. (pile 1)
Then ask that person to move as many cards as he or she likes from pile 2, and put them on top of pile 1.

Have the second person put his or her card on top of pile 2.
Then ask that person to move as many cards as he or she likes from pile 3, and put them on top of pile 2

Have the third person put his or her card on top of pile 3.
Then have the audience member who is holding the 9 remaining cards put them atop pile 3.

Pick up pile 3 and put it on top of pile 2 and then put that new pile (3+2) on top of pile 1 (the 10-card pile).



**** Pick up all the cards. Take 4 cards off the top of the deck and put them on the bottom. ****

Tell the audience that you are going to make two piles of cards. Then deal all the cards, one at a time, into two piles. You will want to keep the second of the two piles that you make. So if you start on your left, keep the pile on your _____. And if you start on your right, keep the pile on your _____.

After you’ve dealt all the cards into two piles, ask an audience member to point to one pile. If they point to the second pile, take it for yourself and give them the first pile. If they point to the first pile, give it to them and keep the second pile for yourself.

Using the second pile, make two new piles. Again you will want to keep the second pile.

Continue doing this until you have only three cards remaining.

Those three cards will be the cards chosen by your original audience members.

Ta-da!

Here are some expressions that may be useful in doing this trick. These are just suggestions and they are not necessarily in the correct order. You should try to develop your own patter.

“Choose a card.”

“Look at your card. Memorize it.”

“Hold onto your card until I ask you to put it back in the deck.”

“I’m going to make three different piles.”

“Put your card on top of pile (number).”

“Take as many cards as you want from pile (number) and put them on top of pile (number).”

“Choose a number between 1 and 10”

“What’s your magic number?”

“My magic number is (x) so...”

“Now I’m going to make two different piles.”

“Point to one of the piles.”

“What was your card?”

“Was this your card?”

“Go like this.”

“A little tighter.”

“A little looser.”

“Look”

