

Milk in Hat

Making Instructions

You will need:

- A hat
- Two plastic cups
- A pair of scissors
- Electrical tape
- Decorative tape
- A4 coloured cardboard
- Glue stick
- Printout of '**Instructions for first trick**'

* The printout is included in this document right at the very end.



A few tips before you start:

Soft plastic drinking cups are the best to use for this easy magic trick for kids as they are very easy to cut to make the gimmick. Ask an adult to help if you find it difficult to make the first cut.

Electrical tape (called insulation tape) works very nicely because it is a bit stretchy and makes a smooth edge around the top of the cup.

You can use any decoration tape or stickers to add a 'magical' effect.

The '**Instructions for first trick**' print out adds a comedy effect to your performance.

Step 1:

Cut the top rim of one of the plastic cup off, about 1 cm from the top. It might be a bit difficult to get started and you may need some help from an adult with this bit. Make sure to cut as neatly as you can as this will be the edge that you don't want to be seen by your audience. Take your time and finish it off as nicely as you can.



Step 2:

Now you need to cut the bottom out of the other cup. I have found the milk in hat trick works best when you cut the inside of the base out (instead of cutting the bottom off). Again, it is quite tricky to get started and you may need to ask a grownup to help you. Make it as tidy as you can and trim the edges for a smooth finish. This cup is going to sit inside the first cup to complete the 'gimmick'.





Step 3:

Now it is time to decorate your 'gimmick' for the milk in hat trick. Cut a length of electrical tape to go around the top of the cup with the bottom cut out. I have found electrical tape works really well as it is a bit stretchy and gives you a very nice smooth finish around the cup. When you use tape that is not stretchy you may find that it creases as the cup's sides are not straight.

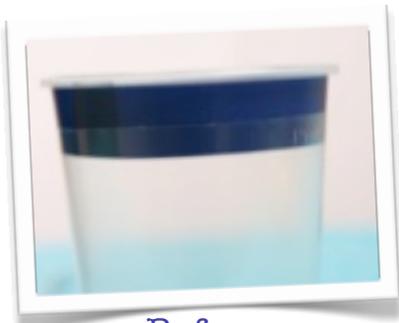
Step 4:

Carefully stick the tape around the top of the cup with the bottom cut out. Use the rim as a guide and you'll have a really straight line. You want a tidy finish as this bit of decoration is going to help hide the 'sneaky bit' from your audience.



Step 5:

Place the cup with the bottom cut out inside the cup with the top cut off. Trim the edge of the cup on the outside (the one with the top rim cut off) to line up with the bottom edge of the tape (as shown in the picture). This will hide the 'sneaky bit' from your audience.



Before



After

Step 6:

Decorate the edge of the cup with the missing bottom and the electrical tape around the edge with stickers or colourful tape. This adds a 'magical' effect and will also help to distract your audience. This is called **misdirection**.



Step 7:

Now it is time to prepare the '**Instructions for First Trick**' that you've printed out. Cut neatly around the outside of the blue line. You can even leave a little white border if you wanted to.



Step 8:

Then glue the back of the cutout with your glue stick. Make sure to cover the whole area, not just the borders. This will help you get a smooth and flat finish. Stick your glued paper onto your coloured A4 cardboard.

TIP:

If you put the finished '**Instructions for first trick**' card under a heavy book or stack of magazines and leave it to dry for a couple of hours, you get a really flat finish.



Well done !

Now you have your '**gimmick**' and presentation card for the milk in hat trick.

Have fun amazing everyone with this easy magic trick!

(Remember your printout on the next page)

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