

BALLOON BUSTER TM

This Out Balloons All Balloon Tricks

EFFECT: An open front cabinet is shown empty and an inflated balloon is placed in it. A wood block, with a handle at the top and spikes on the bottom is shown. The block is pushed down into the box and is seen to burst the balloon, leaving no place around the box for the balloon to escape.

Another balloon is inflated and placed in the cabinet. The cabinet is turned with the open front to the rear and the wood block is pushed down in. They hear the balloon burst. Upon removing the block and then turning the cabinet with the opening to the front, the balloon is seen to be completely restored, or the cabinet is seen to be filled with a dove, doll, candy or what have you.

NOTE: Our newer model has openings both front and rear. Turn the cabinet sideways to block the audience's view.

TO PREPARE: Note that the bottom pulls off the block. Fasten a duplicate balloon to the inside of the bottom with tape and then snap the bottom back on. Note that there is a rod at the front inside of the cabinet. To disengage the bottom and leave the duplicate balloon and bottom in the cabinet, push the block down into the cabinet to break the balloon and, with the extended end of the bottom to the front, as soon as the block hits the bottom of the cabinet, push it forward so the extended end at the front goes under the rod. Pull the block out leaving the bottom and load behind.

The writer has found that the best way for him to handle the outfit in his hands is to hold the cabinet at the bottom by one of the side legs.

For a good effect, have a flat felt rabbit on the bottom of the box. Inflate a balloon and place it in the cabinet saying that you will have a rabbit appear. Burst the balloon with the front of the cabinet towards the audience and pull the block out, appearing surprised that there is no rabbit. Then look, in and pull out the flat rabbit. Try it again with another balloon, turning the cabinet sideways as you burst the balloon. Then turn the outfit to the front as you reveal a dove or guinea pig!

Balloon to silks and ball: This is very effective. Use several silks, laying them out flat, one on top of the other, and in the center place a rubber ball about three inches in diameter. Bunch the silks up around the ball and push all into the hollow block. Place the bottom on the block. The weight of the ball will pull the silks out of the block in a smooth, fast manner, leaving the cabinet overflowing with silks.

If you are going to use candy, ping pong balls, or other loose items, cover the open ends with cellophane or celluloid.

All in all you will find this a handy piece of apparatus. It can also be used for the reproduction of some vanished item, etc.

HAVE FUN