

CHECKERS THRU SILK

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We send you 4 checkers, a cover (that has two holes at the rear), and 2 shells painted to represent checkers. The deeper shell at a short distance will look like 4 checkers stacked one on top of the other. The shallow one looks like two checkers. Besides these you will require an 18 inch silk.

At the start, have both shells over the stacked checkers, and the cover over all. Have the holes in the cover, and the hole in the deep shell aligned and all facing to the rear. By inserting a finger in the proper hole you have a choice of removing either one or two shells.

WORKING: Remove the cover and hand it for examination as per the patter below which gives a reason for the holes in the cover. Take the cover back and drop it over the stacked checkers and shells. You are doing this to apparently show that it "just fits over the checkers". As you remove the cover this time insert a finger in the hole so that you can carry all the shells away leaving just the four checkers.

Hand the checkers out. Take them back, stack and cover them with the silk. Slide the cover over everything. Lift off the cover, taking the outside shell. It is seen that two checkers have penetrated the silk. Lift up the silk and show that there are two checkers above, and two below. Replace the cover, and remove again, this time leaving all the shells. Show that all four checkers are now above the silk. At this point, reverse the above moves with the shells and checkers. You show again: two above -- and two below, and finally all four back under the silk.

PATTER: This patter story will give you a reason for the holes in the cover, as well as a reason for doing the moves.

In North China there is a town by the name of "Chung-Ho". Here lives a man by the name of Sing Toy who tells the weather with the aid of a special Chinese Stacking Weather Discs Machine. I have a small model of one here. Look this cover over and see the two holes in the back for air to circulate. See, the cover just fits over the discs. Look the discs over, and you will see that they are quite ordinary.

Now I will cover the discs with a square of Chinese Silk and then this metal cover over all. Now for the temperature reading. I lift off the cover and we find that it is "two below" -- or is it "two above"? (Two checkers have penetrated.)

Covering again and we get the next reading -- four above. Again and we get "two above". The final time and the temperature is "four below". Darn clever, these Chinese.