

Miracle Dove Act

MANUFACTURED AND RELEASED
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Material and construction of the chest - - - - -

Two pieces of one quarter inch plywood 9-1/2 in by 13-1/2 inches make the top and bottom. Cut the center out of one of these pieces making a hole 6 by 9-1/2 inches. Strip the outside edge of both of these pieces with 1/2 by 3/4 inch wood stripping. Strip the edge of the cut out part of the lid or top piece with some 1/4 inch wood stripping. To this fasten on the inside a piece of plywood 7 by 11 inches. In this manner, you have a top part of a chest with a secret compartment 1/4 inch thick. The front and back part of the chest both are 5 by 11 7/8 inches. Strip these on the inside with small strips to hold the side pieces in place. These side pieces are 5 by 7 1/2 inches. Paint to suit your needs.

Material for the cage, and construction - - - - -

The top and bottom measure 10 3/4 by 15 inches. You will need two side pieces 10 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches. Also one piece cut 14 5/8 by 8 1/2 for the back. Cut two strips of 1/2 inch by one inch stripping and drill these for 1/4 in. dowel sticks, using 9 of these for the bars on the cage. Fasten this to the front and hinge the top part at the front as per drawing. Thru the center of the cage fix a bar of 1/2 by 3/4 inch wood stripping with a small groove in the center. Place the groove part down and cut a notch in this so as to allow a small screw eye to fit in this. Drill a hole in the side of the cage and place a piece of #8 wire thru this in the groove so it will catch the screw eye in the gimmick. Bend the end of the wire up to form a little handle. Cut a piece of black felt 12 by 14 5/8 and fasten to a strip of 1/2 by 1/4 stripping with screw eye in the center. Tack the other end of the felt to the top back inside of the cage. Line the cage with black felt as well. When the felt gimmick is folded up and the wire pushed in, it will form a bag for the doves. You also will need a piece of black felt at right side of the cage or bag at top of the cage to close one half of the bag at the top. Fake doves are clipped on the under part of the cover of the cage. Fake doves are flat cardboard cut-outs with white bath toweling glued on both sides.

WORKING - - - - -

Have the small chest on a table next to the cage. The fake doves are in the cover of the cage and real doves are down in the cage. We will say the vanish chest is to the right of the cage. Lift the cover of the cage part way. The right arm holds it up. As you do this, secretly take a fake dove in the right hand. The left hand reaches down in the cage and gets a dove, as it is brought up the left deposits it in the bag and takes a fake dove from the right hand as the left hand comes out with the fake dove and deposits it in the top of the chest. Repeat with the second dove.

Command the doves to vanish and take the chest apart and show both sides of each and every piece. Pick up the cage and carry it forward, as you give it a shake, push on the release wire and the bag drops. This tosses the doves back in the cage for a visible re-appearance.

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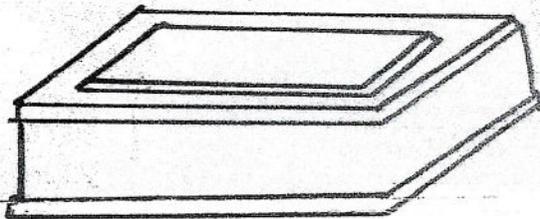
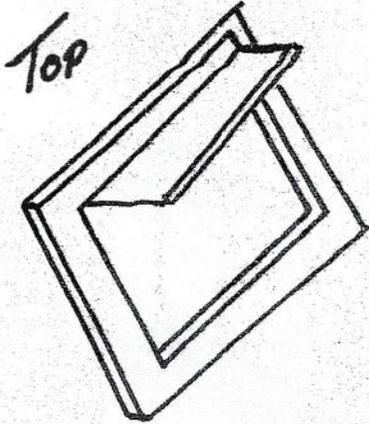
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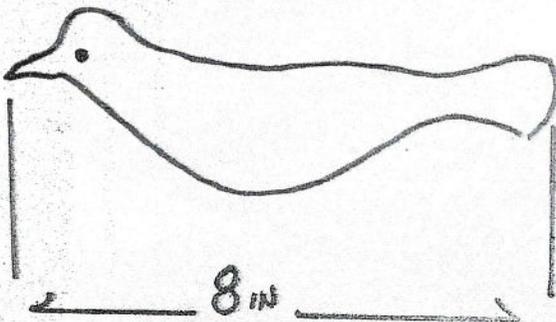
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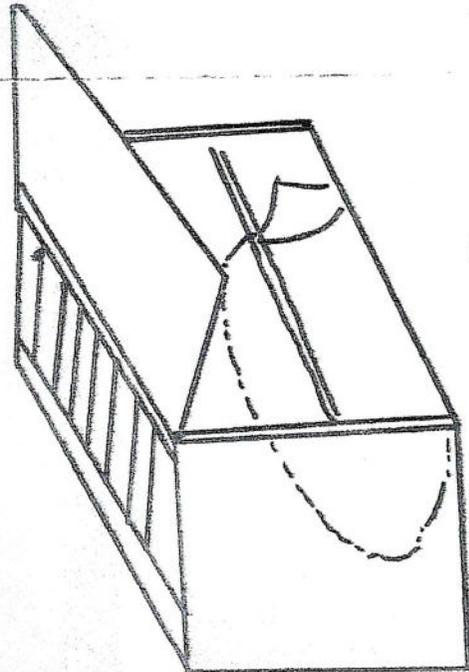
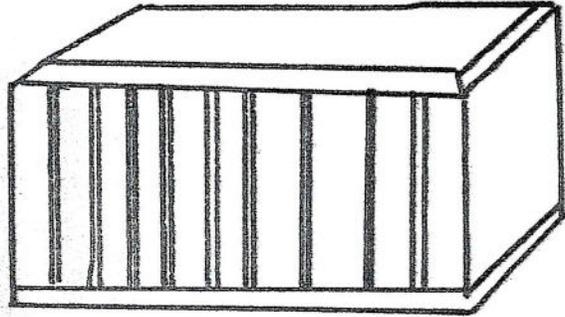
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CHEST



CAGE (FRONT)



CAGE (SIDE)