

TRICKY SALT SHAKER

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The vanish of a handful of salt has been a very pretty effect for a good many years. With the tricky salt shaker, you have a good clean cut method that can be worked anytime during your act, even completely surrounded by your audience.

To prepare.

Remove the metal cap and note that only some of the holes are covered with tape. This is so that some salt will come out of the shaker. Note also that there is a cork in the celluloid tube. The celluloid tube forms an inner wall. Salt is loaded into the inner wall as follows. Put the cork in the celluloid tube and pour salt or white sand down between the inner wall and the glass wall. Be sure the celluloid tube is all the way down into the shaker and resting on the bottom. The cork should be in as loosely as possible. After the salt is in the shaker remove the cork and replace the cap. You are now ready to work.

Working

Take a 12 inch silk and drape it over the closed left fist, pushing a hole down in the center to form a well. Right hand picks up the shaker and shakes some salt out into this well. Continue pretending to pour salt out into your hand. The two levels will go down in the shaker each time you tip the shaker then back up. A little salt will come out in the silk. Keep tipping and turning the shaker right side up until the two levels line up.

The shaker is now placed aside. Grasping a corner of the silk with the right hand, it is snapped away and the salt has apparently vanished, show the silk on both sides.

If you wish to reproduce the salt here is a very easy method. Slip a bobby pin through the little hole at the end of a safety pin. The pin is then secured under the left side of the coat. Fill a small plastic or glass vial with salt and push it up onto the bobby pin. It will hold firmly in place, the vial should come just above the bottom edge of the coat.

After vanishing the salt you turn to your left to place the silk on the table. At the same time, the left hand secretly steals the vial. After laying down the silk the left hand makes a grabbing motion into the air. slowly turns over the now closed fist and pours out the missing salt. The salt is to be run from hand to hand to show or display it. At the end drop it into the box or basket or whatever the container you have, with the vial as well. Your hands are now free for your next good trick.

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