

## OPPORTUNE MISTAKE

Presentation:

Trick 1 - October, 2005

This is another trick where the public thinks that the magician has made a big mistake. Make someone choose a card and show it to everyone. Next, you put the card back in the deck anywhere. Say, "I will try to turn your card face up." Do some magic motions around the deck and spread the deck on the table. Only one card is face up. You point to the card saying that it is the card, "three of diamonds!" The audience members shake their heads, no. You think about it, and apologize, telling them: "I am sorry. I always make a mistake with this card, but nothing is wrong here, because this card always works when a mistake happens." So you need to count the cards' value, 1, 2 and 3, and the third card is the card of the spectator.

Secret:

Before the presentation, look for the 3 of diamonds and put it face down in the deck (the deck is face up), then put two cards on top of it but face up, photo 1.



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Turn over the deck in your hand, and the cards will be at the bottom of the deck. Put the deck in your hands in the basic position and spread them in your



hands making someone pick a card. Do this without revealing the card that you prepared, photo 2.

Then tell them to look at the card. Then you put the deck of cards in "Hindu shuffle position" pg. 46. Start to mix up the cards, and tell them that they

need to say "stop" wherever they want. You start to put the cards in your left hand from cards on top of the packet in your right until



the spectator says stop! The prepared cards stay at the bottom of the right packet, photo 3. After he says stop, you put the left hand out front and the spectator puts the card on the top of the deck. Then you put all the cards that you have in your right hand on the top, with your prepared cards on top of the spectator's card. Leave the deck on the table. Then you explain that you will try to turn his card up.

Do some magic movements around the cards. Spread the cards on the table. Everybody can see a card face up, it is the 3 of diamonds, but of course it is not the card picked earlier. Explain something about the mistake and then count 3 cards from the right to the left, and give the card's number. Turn the card over. It is the spectator's card! Photo 64.



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BASIC MAGIC WITH CARDS