



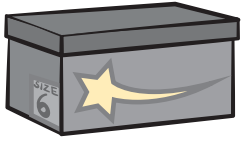
AFTER-PARTY: SAW FOR YOURSELF

After this wonderful magic show and wedding, you may be dreaming of one day finding a special someone to saw in half. That day is today. You can saw for yourself.

You'll just need a few household items, a little practice, and a working knowledge of how to cut cardboard safely.

THE SAWED-IN-HALF TRICK: HOME VERSION

1. A shoe box

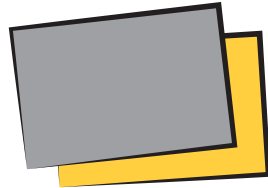


2. A pair of scissors



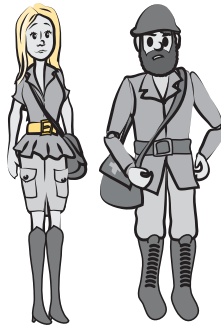
3. An adult's permission to use the scissors

4. Tape

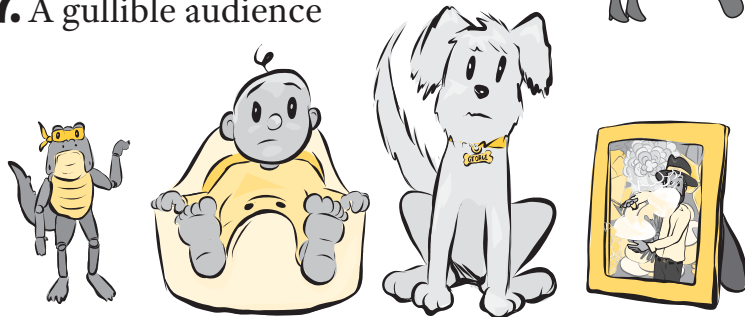


5. Construction paper
(best if same color as shoe box)

6. Two very similar dolls or action figures with heads, feet, and other moveable parts still intact



7. A gullible audience

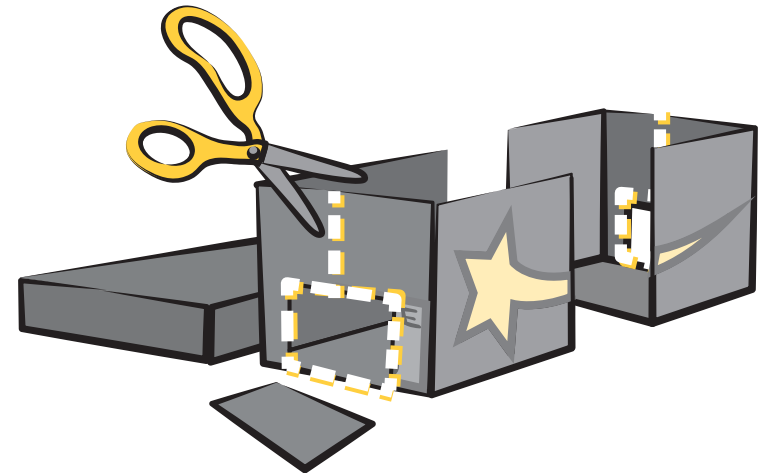


MAKING THE COFFIN

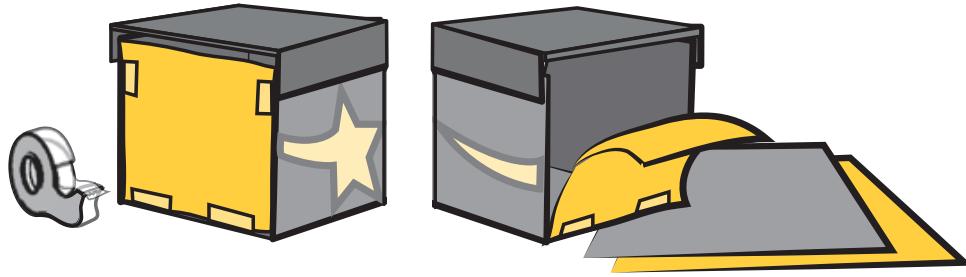
Using scissors and care, cut the shoebox down the middle. Cut the lid as well.



Cut additional holes in the sides of the box. This could be difficult and you may damage the box. Use tape for any necessary repairs. It's fine to simply cut out one flap on each side, big enough for the doll's, or action figure's, feet or head to poke through.



Your box will now be open at the middle. Use construction paper to cover the open sides.



The setup is complete!

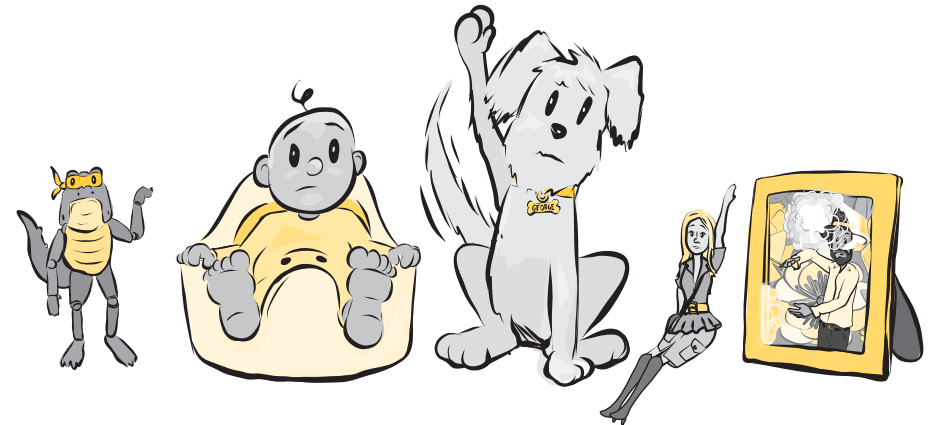
You transformed a lowly shoebox into a magical coffin. This is a good time to decorate. I recommend glitter. But it's your funeral.



PREPARE FOR THE TRICK

Hide one doll inside the foot-side of the coffin. (This doll will later provide the feet for the doll that is sawed in half.) Then put both sides of the coffin back together, and place the coffin on a table or stool.

Place the other doll in the audience, raising their hand in the air. This doll will be your volunteer and provide the head in the sawed-in-half trick. Now gather the rest of your audience, along with a few additional dolls or action figures, just to make sure it doesn't look like a setup.



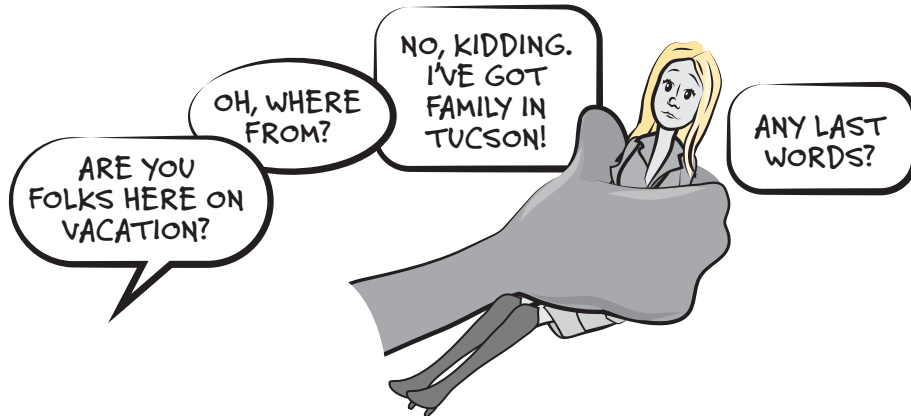
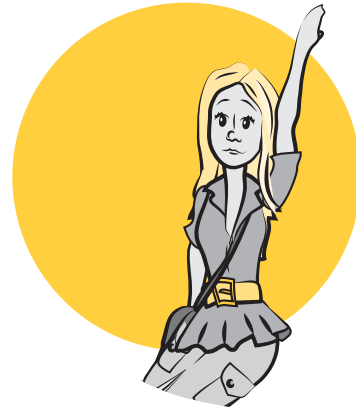
SHOWTIME

You're ready to perform!

Start with some "patter," which is magician talk for, well . . . talk. Tell a joke or simply stick to the script: "I'm about to perform a dangerous feat of magic and daring, not for the faint of heart. Do I have a volunteer?"

Do not choose any living creatures who happen to volunteer. Choose the plant (I mean doll) you positioned in the audience earlier.

Engage the doll in some small talk.

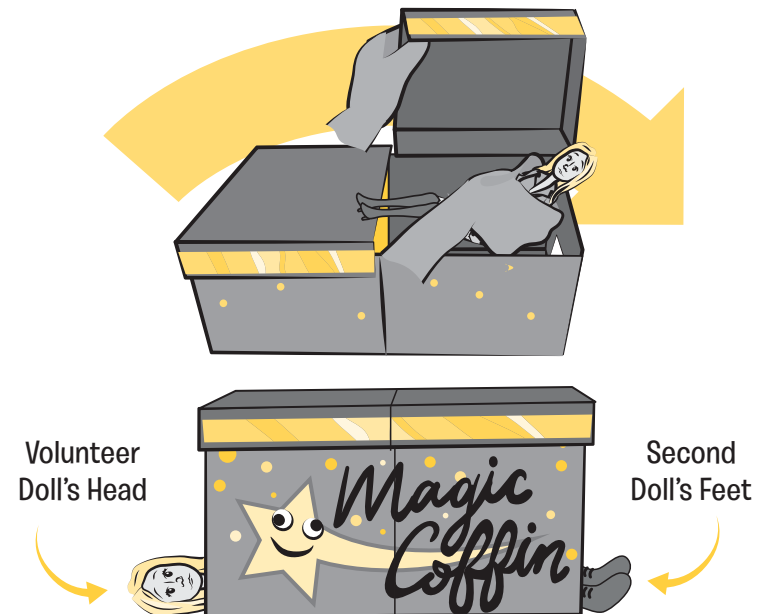


Now ask your audience to cover their eyes as your volunteer prepares for the trick.

Place the volunteer doll inside the head-side of the coffin, positioned so that the doll's head sticks out, while the legs, and the rest of the doll, are hidden inside.

At the same time, maneuver the second doll at the foot of the coffin so that the doll's feet stick out of the other end. At this point, it should look like there is only one doll and only one coffin.

Your audience may open their eyes.

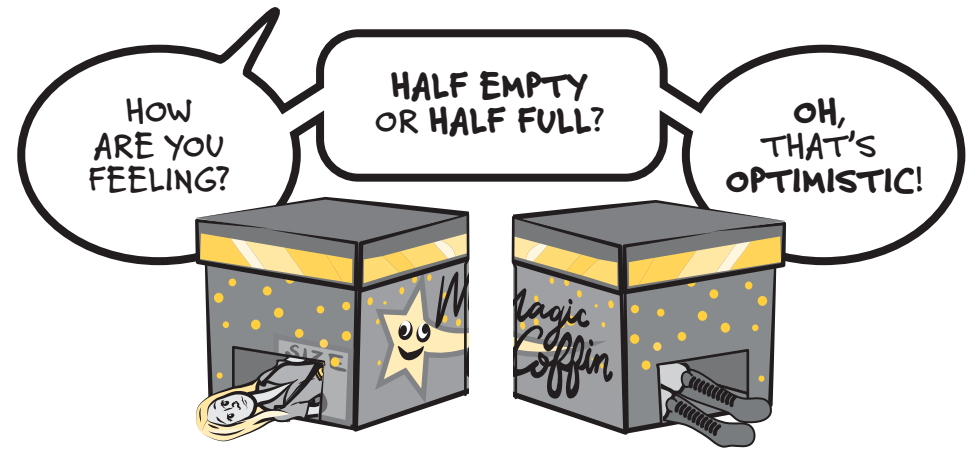


Reminding your audience that this trick is not for the faint of heart, take out your scissors. Cut another piece of construction paper to prove that they're sharp.

Say some comforting words to your volunteer doll in case the doll is nervous. Then cut the coffin right down the middle. You already did this, so it should be easy. Make it look difficult, though. Remember, the audience thinks you're actually cutting a doll in half.



Once you slice through the coffin, you should pull the two halves apart and show your audience what you've done. Ta da! This is a good time to check in with your volunteer.



Explain to the audience you're about to do something even more incredible: Put the volunteer back together again. You can talk about how you're doing this with "no medical training or anesthesia."

Push the two halves of the coffin back together with a magic word like "Voila!" or "Gesundheit!"



Now remove the doll from the first half of the coffin, unharmed. Take care to hide the other doll's feet at the same time.



Congratulations!

You've saved your first volunteer!

Now hurry and put the scissors back where
you found them, but don't run!