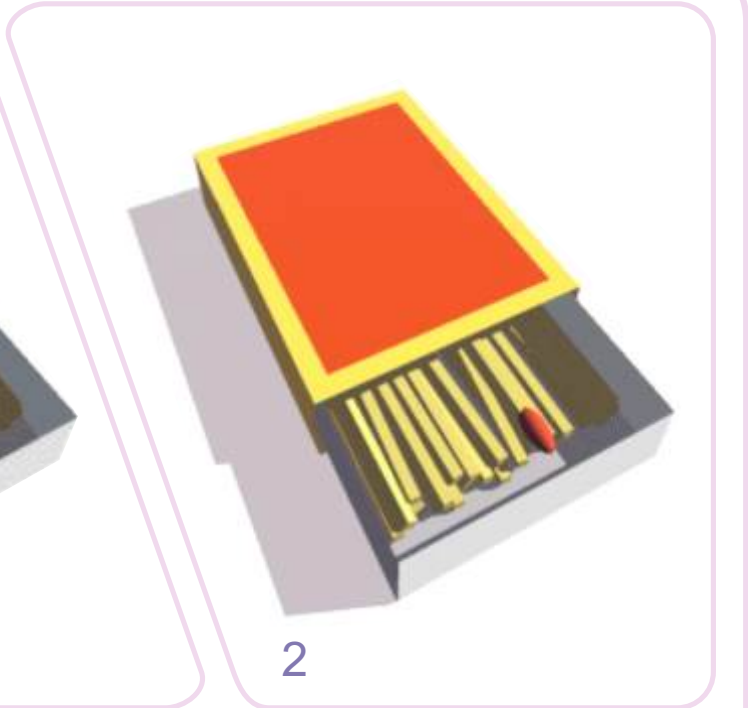
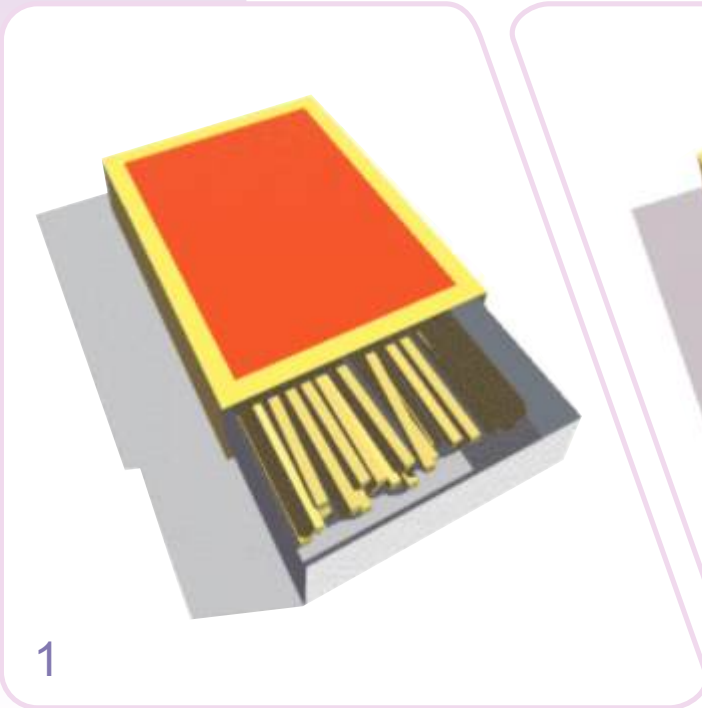


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A Match Trick

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You are a performer. You take an ordinary box of matches, open it at the end where no head of match is visible and show it to your audience (see Figure 1). The heads are all at the other end of the box.

Now you close the box in front of your spectators, give it a shake, and then reopen it (see Figure 2). Everybody can see a match inside the box turned round with its head visible.

Then you let the spectators examine the box and the matches to see they are all sound.

Do you have any suggestions how such a trick can be performed?

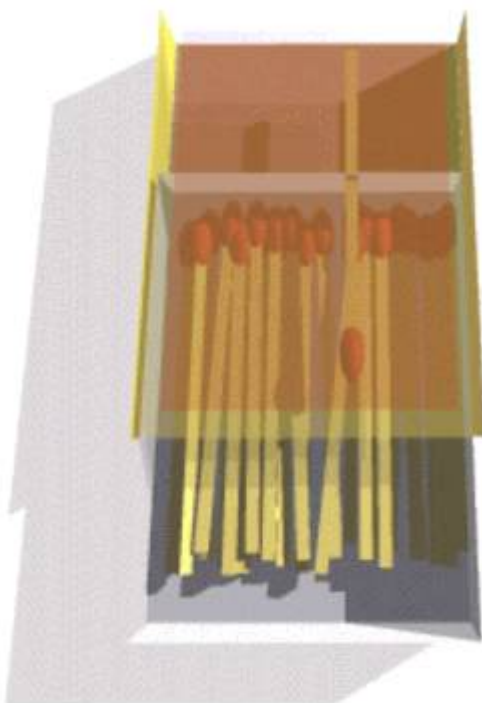
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A Match Trick (secret)

This trick can be performed in such a way.

You secrete the match inside the box as shown in the illustration, so that the match is placed over the edge of the tray of the box.

While closing the box you press this extra match with your thumb and it falls down into place. Do this quickly and carefully, so that nobody can notice how you move this additional match.