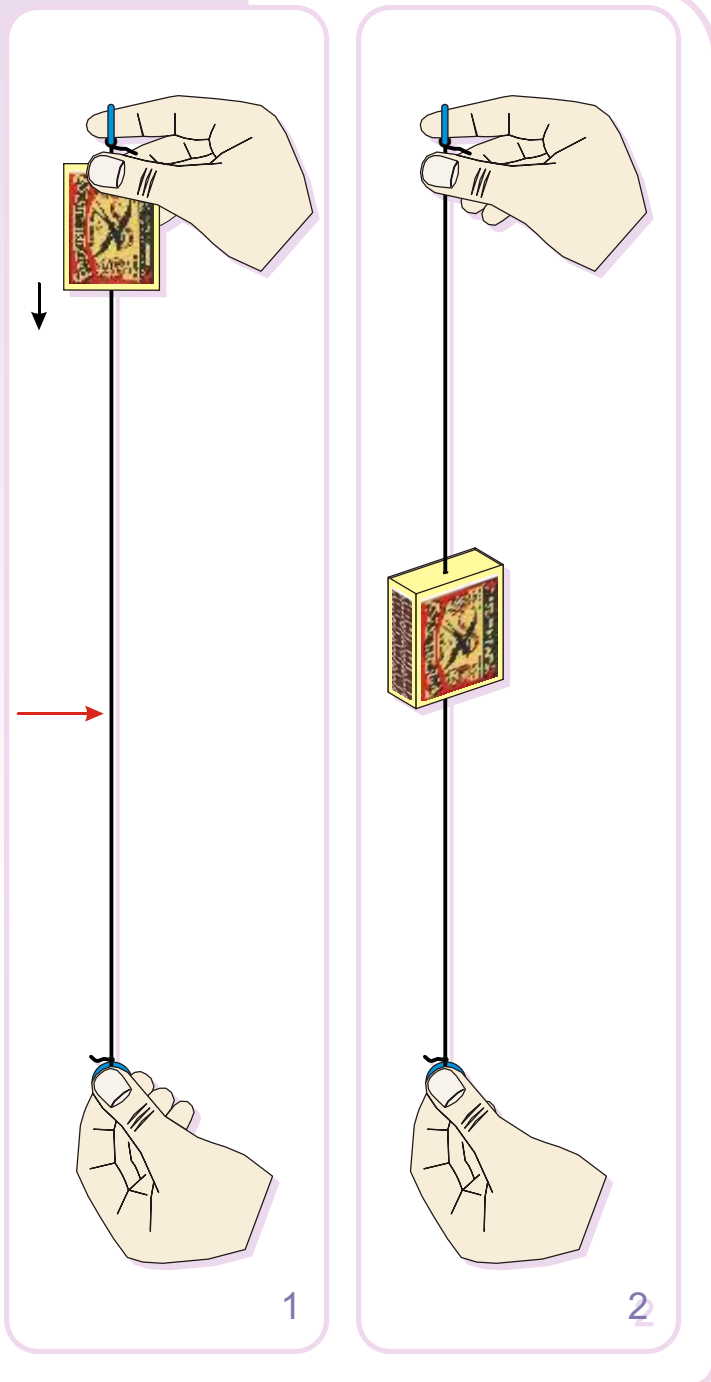


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MatchBox Slide by Serhiy Grabarchuk

You have a matchbox with a thread (about 2 1/2 feet long) going through it, and two small rings tied to both ends of the thread. Put one ring on your forefinger and hold the box with your thumb and middle finger while your left hand is holding the lower end of the thread with other ring (see Figure 1).

Ask someone to show on the thread any place (it's shown with the red arrow). Now let the matchbox go. It will slide down and stop exactly where you were asked (see Figure 2).

Do you have any idea how does this trick work?

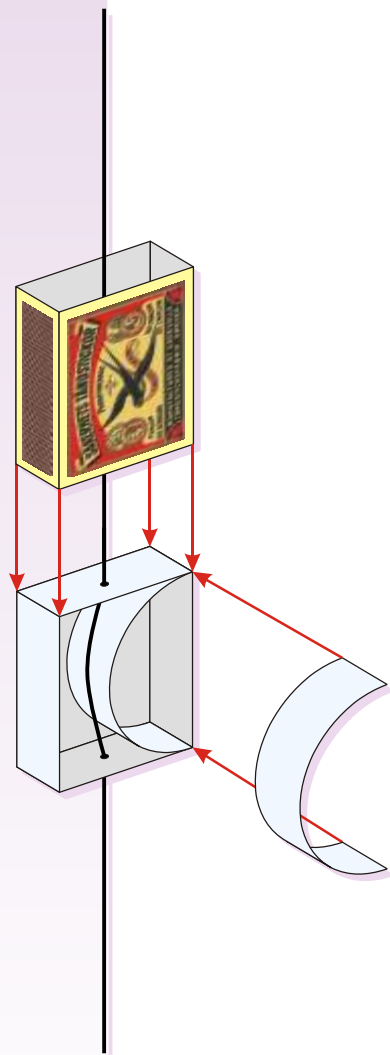
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MatchBox Slide (secret)

The secret lies in a simple prepared matchbox. Put inside its drawer a bended piece of thin cardboard as shown in the figure.

Before you let the matchbox go, hold both rings so that the thread is tight, and this holds the matchbox on it. Changing the tension of the thread you may easy control the matchbox on its downward way stopping it anywhere you want.

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