

Roughed Decks of cards are great to work with. By roughing your card deck you can do some very cool card tricks. Roughing the backs of cards will be shown here and also the setup order for the Invisible Deck. What roughing will do for the cards since they will be placed back to back in this deck is make them seem to stick so you can fan out the cards and not worry about them slipping apart. By Roughing the fronts or backs or in any order or fronts and faces you will be able to pull off some card sleights easier than ever such as the Double Lift and other moves.

So heres what you will need:

1 pack of Bicycle brand playing cards (or the brand you most prefer) \$1-3 at any store pretty much

1 can of Flat Clear Spray Lacquer (I use Floquil Spray.. made by the Tester Corporation.....

Figure Flat its called and I buy this kind at my local hobby shop for around \$3 - \$6 a can)

Some newspaper or any flat surface layed out so you dont get the spray on everything

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How to Rough Your Deck:

Lay out all the cards face down.... preferably somewhere well ventilated and some place the cards wont be disturbed or messed up, blown around ect....

Lightly spray all the backs of the cards with a coating of the spray. Make sure you are spraying about 1 ft or so from the cards and dont overdue it or the cards will warp and lose their natural shape.

If you are using the spray indicated above one coat should be plenty and will dry within a few minutes time and be ready to use. Otherwise if you use a different brand of spray let them set over night to make sure they are plenty dry.

I cant stress enough **DO NOT OVER SPRAY THE CARDS!!!** If you dont believe me and wont take my word for it go ahead and do it. The cards will just warp and be alot more noticeable from the over spray and simply wont look like a natural deck of playing cards.

Thats it for the gimmicked deck of cards.

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How it works:

The setup of the Invisible deck is very important. Each 'pair' in this deck will total **13** with the exception of Kings. The values are as follows: Aces are valued at 1, Jacks are valued at 11, Queens are valued as 12, and kings are 13. Well get back to the value of the cards in just a moment. Lets talk about how the deck works for now.

There are three steps to finding a card in the deck.

Step 1: Spades are paired with Hearts. Clubs are paired with Diamonds. This is a very important rule of thumb while using the Invisible Deck. These pairs are always arranged so that Even numbers face one way, and odd numbers face the opposite way. Meaning if you hold the deck one way all the cards will have even number face values. When you turn the deck over, that side will have all the odd number face values. Kings will always be paired with Kings, red Kings will be considered Odd value and black Kings will be considered even value.

Step 2 & 3: Say you have the deck closed up in its box. Well use a quick trick, one of the original tricks performed with the Invisible Deck to explain steps 2 & 3. Have the spectator name any card they want. Well say they chose the **9 of Diamonds**. (Heres Step 2) Since the number **9** is **odd**, you will have the **Even side of the cards face up**. Always turn the deck to the opposite of the chosen even or odd card before taking it out of the box. Keep the other side facing down so they dont see the pairs on the other side. Have the person name out their card which is the **9**

of **Diamonds**. Now you will subtract $13 - 9 = 4$. **You will always subtract from 13 to find the face value of their card face down in the deck.** This time the face Value is going to be a **4**. Since they had a **Diamond** card (**9** of **Diamonds**) you will be looking for a **Club** card. The **4** of **Clubs** to be exact. Since **Diamonds** and Clubs are paired. Its pair will be face down and will indeed be the **9** of **Diamonds**. Seperate the pair showing that their chosen card is face down in the deck. This process of finding a card sounds difficult but is very simple after you mess with it a few times.

Heres another example: Say the person picks the **Jack of Clubs**. Jacks equal **11** so this number is **odd**. This time you will have to fan through the **Even** side to find their card face down. $13 - 11 = 2$ and since their card was **Clubs** its pair is going to be a **Diamond**. So now all you do is look for the **Two** of **Diamonds** in the even side of the deck. The face down card paired with it will be the Jack of Clubs. Seperate the two cards showing that the card they chose is face down.

Hopefully this is simple to understand on how the Deck works.

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How To Stack The Deck:

NEVER under any circumstance shuffle this deck after you stack it or the effect wont work. This is a stacked deck trick and will only work when it stays stacked. So here are the order of the cards. I put them mixed up a little so when you are fanning them out they dont look in order or so suspiciouse. All these Pairs will be back to back. You will notice they dont slip easily with the roughing spray on them. That way when you fan through one or the other side you dont accidently fan a face down card. It makes them ' stick ' to each other back to back.

Heres The Stack for each of the Pairs. They will be stack into a neormal pile after they are paired.

Ace of Spades & **Queen of Hearts**

Jack of Hearts & 2 of Spades

3 of Spades & **10 of Hearts**

9 of Hearts & 4 of Spades

5 of Spades & **8 of Hearts**

7 of Hearts & 6 of Spades

7 of Spades & **6 of Hearts**

5 of Hearts & 8 of Spades

9 of Spades & **4 of Hearts**

3 of Hearts & 10 of Spades

Jack of Spades & **2 of Hearts**

Ace of Hearts & Queen of Spades

King of Hearts & King of Spades

Ace of Diamonds & Queen of Clubs

Jack of Clubs & 2 of Diamonds

3 of Diamonds & 10 of Clubs

9 of Clubs & 4 of Diamonds

5 of Diamonds & 8 of Clubs

7 of Clubs & 6 of Diamonds

7 of Diamonds & 6 of Clubs

5 of Clubs & 8 of Diamonds

9 of Diamonds & 4 of Clubs

3 of Clubs & 10 of Diamonds

Jack of Diamonds & 2 of Clubs

Ace of Clubs & Queen of Diamonds

King of Diamonds & King of Clubs

After making the pairs they can be mixed up in any order as long as the pairs stay together and the even and odd face values stay on their own sides. Again do not break the back to back pairs or your Invisible Deck will not work. Hope you find this information helpful and enjoy doing magic with the classic Invisible Deck. And as always.... A Good Magician never reveals his / her secrets and only does a trick once.

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