

# Card Spelling

## Helpful Hints...

### Think Ahead & Be Prepared

As you perform more shows, things will go wrong, but if you're ready, they won't mess up your performance.

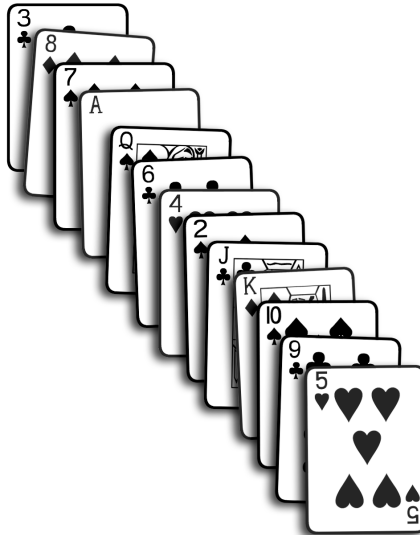
One time a magician was doing a cut and restored rope trick, and his helper, using a sharp pair of scissors, cut the magician's finger instead of the rope. What would you do if that happened?

The best thing to do is make sure it doesn't happen at all. How? Cut the rope yourself, or use a pair of safety scissors, or carefully hold the helper's wrist when s/he cuts the rope. Always figure out what could go wrong, then think of ways to keep mistakes from happening.

What did the cut magician do? He went off stage, got a cloth, and wrapped his finger up. It got a laugh, and everyone thought it was part of the show.

Before starting this trick, take the cards out of the deck that you see in the picture, and arrange them in order like the picture. Put the rest of the deck away.

It doesn't matter which suits are used (hearts, clubs, spades, diamonds). Don't let anybody watch you arrange the cards.



When you're done, turn the stack of cards (the packet) over in your hand and hold it just like normal.

Start with the top card (the 3), and spell the first card in the list (ACE), taking the card off the top for each letter, and putting that card on the bottom. Turn the next card over, and it will be the ace.

Place the ace on the table.

Now spell out the next card in the list, the TWO, putting each card on the bottom like before. Turn over the top card, and place it on the table. It will be the two. Continue with the rest of the packet. The list of cards to spell are:

**ACE**  
**TWO**  
**THREE**  
**FOUR**  
**FIVE**  
**SIX**  
**SEVEN**  
**EIGHT**  
**NINE**  
**TEN**  
**JACK**  
**QUEEN**  
**KING**

To make this more entertaining, pretend you're not sure if it will work. Of course, you know by now it will work IF YOU PRACTICE!!