

Here's Your Card (9 Down Force)

You will need a deck of cards and an envelope.

Set up: You will need to set up the deck so that the card you want the spectator to take is the ninth card from the top of the deck. Write the name of this card on a piece of paper and seal it in the envelope. Keep the envelope in your pocket or leave it in full view during the performance.

Presentation:

Tell students that in a moment you will have someone choose a card, but you want to be sure that the card is a free choice. So, ask them to think of a number between 10 and 20. (For this example, say 14 is chosen)

Pick up the deck in the left hand and count 14 cards, **face down**, into a pile on the table. Tell the spectators that there is no way that you could have known what number they would choose, but for those who are skeptical, we won't use this card.

Place the 14 cards you just counted back on top of the deck. Tell the spectators that the number 14 is made up of two digits, a "1" and a "4". Let's add those two digits and we get 5. To further randomize your card choice, count 4 face down cards to the table. The card now on top of the deck is shown to the spectators and is the original card which was nine down from the top of the deck.

Show the card on top of the deck to everyone. Once everyone has memorized the card place it back in the deck. You already know what the card is, so have them shuffle the deck if they wish.

Tell the students that you set aside a prediction. For the first time, ask the name of the card. Have the envelope opened and the contents read aloud.