

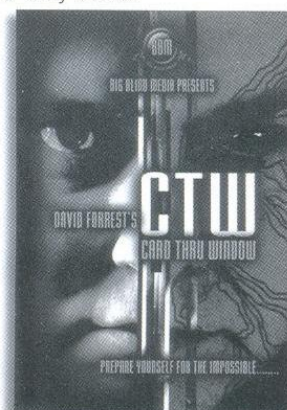
CTW (Card Through Window) David Forrest

72 min. DVD plus materials to construct gimmick. £19.99 (\$30) plus p&p from your favourite dealer. Dealers contact Murphy's Magic Supplies, address above.

Reviewed by Matthew Field

I guess Card Through Window is the trick of the moment, because of performances by magicians like David Blaine. Since the trick can be performed only under carefully controlled circumstances, and is the antithesis of "impromptu", I can only presume that these methods, usually available on DVD, are for kids interested in the secret. Then the thing goes in a drawer.

That's a bit of a shame in this case, because David Forrest has a very clever method that, while it suffers all the drawbacks listed above, deserves some exploration. A chosen card has a corner torn off, it vanishes, and is found taped to the outside of a car or shop window with a wide (two inch) piece of gaffer's tape. The corner fits. The magician places his hand over the card and it is found to have passed to the *inside* of the window – the tape is still on the outside. The piece still fits.



In addition to three performances of the effect, the DVD contains the detailed instructions, plus Adobe Acrobat (pdf) files of templates and other materials to construct the necessary gimmick. The explanation is somewhat giggly and is shot in a dark environment, but what has to be done is clear. The gimmick, which is said to take about a half-hour to construct, should last through several performances. You obviously need access to both sides of the window you're going to use for a set-up which will take a few minutes, and the initial part of the performance, the vanish, must take place out of sight of that window, for the later revelation of the taped (duplicate) card.

Under what circumstances might you perform this? For your mates? That's one of the mysteries of Street Magic. Still, I am impressed by the method. Now, into the drawer it goes.

