



CARD THRU WINDOW DVD

By David Forrest

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Here is one of those open air tricks that will go straight into your err - outdoor repertoire! First you need a car park and then a car you can get into, so preferably your own! Joking aside, that looks to be the requirements judging from the outdoor performances which demonstrate the effect on this DVD explaining David Forrest's card through window effect. It doesn't have to be a car window, although he demonstrates this first on the window of a Volkswagen camper van window with tinted glass which actually enhances the effect and then on a real building window. It can be performed indoors but you will need something extra for this but more of that later.

This could be a great reputation making type of stunt for a TV spot a la Criss Angel; otherwise I'm not exactly sure how you would use this on a regular basis, unless you work outdoors a lot! Here's the plot - a chosen card has a corner torn off which is given to the helper to keep. The selected card then visibly vanishes from the top of the pack. The spectator(s) are then taken to a nearby window, car or otherwise, where they can plainly see their chosen card

stuck to the outside of the window with wide 'gaffer' tape. The corner is held up against the taped card where it is seen to match. Finally the magician waves a fan of cards over the taped card on the window which then suddenly appears on the inside of the glass! The tape is removed from the glass for the spectator to verify the card is now on the inside and once again to check the corner still matches.

This card through window differs from others in that the card starts off on the outside of the window first before it materialises through the glass to the other side. Each time the verification of the chosen card is proven by the matching torn corner. The DVD takes you through the step by step process of making the special gimmick which allows the illusion of the card penetrating through the window to work. It's Blue Peter level handicraft with templates provided that you can print out on a computer from the disc with a few other items and materials supplied with the DVD. David Forrest's colleague Owen Packard shares the explanations on the DVD and Forrest offers a very easy handling of the selection and vanishing of the card, as seen in the demonstrations, as well as an advanced handling of the cards if you are that way inclined. Everything is well explained from the card handling to the construction of the gimmick.

The method is a practical and clever solution which looks straightforward to perform leaving you free to concentrate on the all important presentation of this extraordinary stunt. With clear glass it is not always immediately evident that the card has changed from one side of the glass to the other which is why tinted glass highlights the change better than clear glass. The effect can be worked indoors and Forrest explains a more advanced

gimmick that covers the card until the window is revealed to show the taped card. Again it is not too difficult to make and aids the effect when worked inside. The straightforward method could still work inside as long as the window to be used is not seen before the trick is performed. I don't think a problem will be found with the method but more how to find the right situation to perform the trick. PP

WHAT'S HOT: A workable solution with a double climax

WHAT'S NOT: Requires setting up and best as a one off outdoor stunt

STAR RATING: ★★ ★