

BAR TRICKS

Humans love to show off, especially after a drink. Depending on the company you keep, these tried-and-tested bar tricks are either guaranteed to: a) keep your companions amused all night, winning you the admiration of the crowd and loads of free drinks; or b) annoy everyone so much that you'll lose all your friends and end up with those free drinks poured over your head rather than down your neck.

BOTTLE BANK



1

Place a bottle (empty it first!) neck down on a banknote. Challenge your friends to remove the note without touching the bottle or knocking it over.

2

Pulling the note out quickly rarely works. The trick is to roll up the note carefully, holding it by the ends.

3

The rolled-up note is surprisingly strong, and you can use it to push the bottle off. By the time you've rolled to the end of the note, hey presto! the bottle will be resting securely on the table top.



KEEP IT UNDER YOUR HAT

1

Put a hat over your glass. Bet anyone the price of the drink underneath that you can drink it without touching the hat.

2

Duck under the table, then pop back up and tell the challenger that you've drunk it through the table.

3

The "victim" will be so amazed that he or she will lift up the hat to check. At this point, you can drink your drink, without touching the hat, and claim your winnings.



COINING IT IN

1

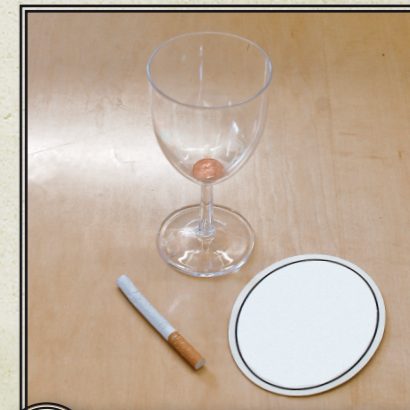
Put a beermat on top of a wine glass. Balance a cigarette on the centre of the beermat and a coin on top of the cigarette. Challenge anyone to get the coin into the glass without touching coin, cigarette, mat, or glass.

2

It's done by blowing upwards under the edge of the beermat — the beermat flips up, taking the cigarette with it.

3

Voilà! The weight of the coin makes it drop straight down into the glass.



HANDS OFF MY BEER

1

Put a beer mug (with handle) next to a tumbler on the table. Challenge anyone to push the small glass through the handle of the large one without touching either glass.

2

The way to do it is to put a straw, cigarette, match, or other implement through the handle of the large glass and push the small one.

3

You're doing exactly as you challenged: pushing the small glass through the handle of the large one without touching either glass. Clever or infuriating?

