

# The Miracle Card

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This is my version of Spello by Karl Fulves. It's an easy trick that can be done anytime, with an ordinary deck.

Have the deck shuffled by a spectator. Take the deck and say:

**“Every deck of cards has one card called ‘The Miracle Card.’”**

As you say this, spread the face-up cards over into the right hand. Openly let them see the faces of the cards as you pretend to search for this amazing card.

You are going to secretly count fourteen cards quickly, but you can't let them know you're counting.

With the face up deck in your left hand, push over three cards, then three more cards. Repeat, pushing over three cards and three more. Now push over two more cards. You now have fourteen cards in your right hand.

Whatever the next (fifteenth) card is, it's your Miracle Card.

**“There it is! Here, let me turn it over for a second so I don't have to look for it again.”**

Turn the Miracle Card face down, retaining its place in the spread.

Just separate the pack at the card, and use the edge of the right hand cards to flip the card face down, and reassemble the pack.

Leave The Miracle Card sticking out and turn the pack face down. Push the card in square with the pack. Everything looks fair, and this lets them see that the card is nearer the bottom.

Set the deck on the table.

**“Cut some cards, take as many cards as you want... just don't take The Miracle Card.”**

This keeps them from taking any of the bottom fifteen cards.

**“Shuffle them (the cards they took), mix them up good and give them a cut. Peek at the top card.”**

I demonstrate the peeking by holding my cupped hands up to my face and mime lifting up a corner a tiny bit. This is to prevent them from taking the top card off the packet. They might want to bury it if they do.

**“Put them on top (indicating the cards on the table). Give the pack a cut.”**

Sometimes they will cut at the face up Miracle Card. If they do, say:

**“It's a miracle!”**

If not, pick up the pack and say, **“Let me get The Miracle Card.”**

Hold the deck face down and spread over the top cards until you get to the face up

card. Put all the cards above it to the bottom of the deck.

**“Let me show you how The Miracle Card works. This card is so powerful, that I can use it by merely invoking its name! Watch!”**

Deal the face up card to the table.

**“The Miracle Card.”**

Now start spelling ‘The Miracle Card’, tossing a card face down to the table for each letter.

**“T-H-E-M-I-R-A-C-L-E-C-A-R-D.”**

Toss them slowly for the first few then faster and faster till the last letter.

Turn the next card, their selection, face up with deliberation and toss it on the pile.

**“The Miracle Card!”**

You can customize this trick for any occasion by changing the number of cards you count before you find The Miracle Card. You can spell ‘Happy Birthday’ (thirteen cards), or sing Happy Birthday as you deal a card for each beat (twenty cards).

Practice counting while you say the line so that the counting looks smooth and effortless.

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