

The Melting Coin

Effect: After being tightly wrapped in the center of a handkerchief, coin magically melts through the center of the handkerchief.

Supplies: One coin – a quarter works well
One handkerchief – 12"x12" or larger works best

Preparation: Your supplies ready to go and some practice.

Performance: Have the handkerchief and the coin examined by audience members to make sure they are normal. Take the coin back and hold it at your left fingertips. Now take the handkerchief and cover up the coin by centering the handkerchief over the coin. Flip up the front of the handkerchief showing the coin still there. Now instead of just bringing one corner of the handkerchief back down to leave the coin covered completely, bring both corners back over the coin carefully holding them in your left hand. From the front it appears as if the coin is still completely covered and the handkerchief is covering it totally. Actually, the entire back of your left hand is exposed and the coin is really resting against the back of the folded handkerchief. Take hold of the coin and handkerchief with your right hand acting as if the coin is covered completely by the handkerchief and pull your left straight down making it appear as if it was really coming out from under the handkerchief. Twist up the coin into the handkerchief to "trap the coin in the handkerchief"...of course the coin is merely behind the handkerchief and is already free. Now with a magical gesture slowly allow the coin to find the opening and the coin will begin to slip out as if it is melting right through the center of the handkerchief. Once the coin has penetrated through, hand out both items again for examination. Amazing... the coin is solid and the handkerchief has no secret holes!