

MAGIC HANDKERCHIEFS

PROPS:

- Large box covered with black cloth or table draped with large cloth that extends to the floor. In either case, box or table must have a one-inch hole bored through the top center.
- A tray
- Water pitcher and some clear drinking glasses - one glass has no bottom
- Silk hat
- A number of brilliantly colored handkerchiefs or silk scarves



ACTION:

Table is set up in center of floor.

Magician is introduced. Magician enters, then assistant carrying tray, pitcher, and glasses. Magician bows and speaks in a husky voice. Assistant pours him a glass of water which he drinks, replacing glass.

Magician takes the special glass from the tray and places it on table, over hole. Assistant is dismissed. Magician announces that he will cause to appear in the glass any color of handkerchief named by the audience.

Assistant and other clowns come in and sit around on floor. If no one volunteers a color they do. Magician covers glass with his silk hat. As colors are called – blue, red, and so on – they appear in the glass, thanks to an assistant under the table.

One of the clowns asks for “a white one.” The magician ignores him and requests more colors. Another clown joins the first one in calling, “We want a white one.”

Finally all the clowns are shouting, “We want a white one.”

This becomes a chant to the embarrassment of the magician.

The skit ends when the assistant under the table pokes out his head and asks in a pleading voice, “Doesn’t someone want a yellow one?” This he waves as he repeats the question.

Magician begins to cry and blows his nose in a handkerchief as he leaves stage.