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Clean Cut™



SECRET INSTRUCTIONS

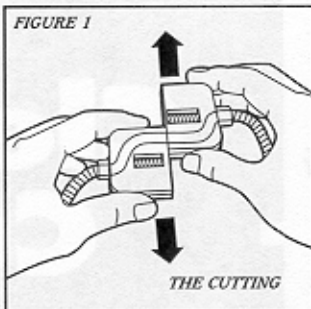
THE TRICK

An ordinary rope is placed inside the cutting machine. In full view, with no false moves, the rope is cleanly sliced into two parts. The two pieces of the rope and the cut ends are clearly visible. Reverse the action of the cutting machine and the rope is now openly restored.

THE SECRET

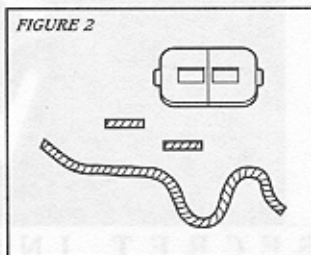
Hidden inside the cutting machine are secret windows with pre-cut pieces of rope. When you move Clean Cut as if to slice the rope, the rope zigzags off to the side and is replaced by windows showing two "dummy" pieces of rope (see Figure 1). This all takes place much faster than the human eye can follow.

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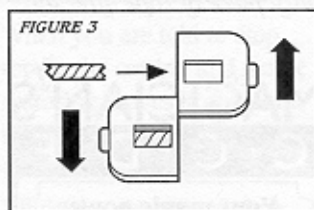
THE PROPS

Your trick includes the cutting machine, one long piece of rope and two "dummy" pieces of rope (see Figure 2).



THE SECRET PREPARATION

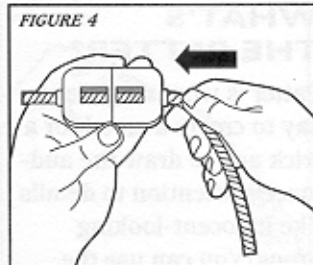
Hold one side of the machine in each hand and push the right side forward while pulling the left side back towards you, as shown in Figure 3. Insert each of the two small pieces of rope into the windows as shown. Slide the sides of the machine back to their original positions.



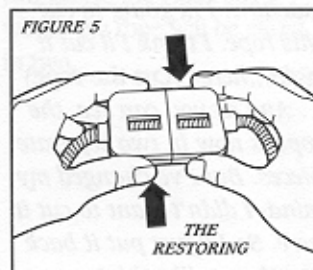
Practice Cutting and Restoring

Insert the long piece of rope into the machine (see Figure 4) until the ends of the rope extend from both sides.

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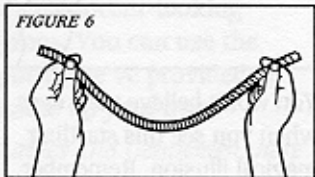
Move the sides of Clean Cut in opposite directions, as shown in Figure 1. The rope appears to have been cut in two. Now reverse the action, and see that the rope seems to have been magically restored (see Figure 5).



THE PERFORMANCE

Show the rope to your audience and tug on both ends to show that it is solid and ordinary (*see Figure 6*).

FIGURE 6

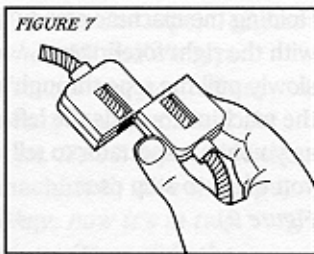


Insert one end of the rope into the machine until a short portion of the rope emerges from the other side (*see Figure 4*).

Perform the cutting move with the machine (*see Figure 1*).

With one hand, hold the machine and turn it from side to side, clearly showing the cut ends of the rope, as shown in Figure 7.

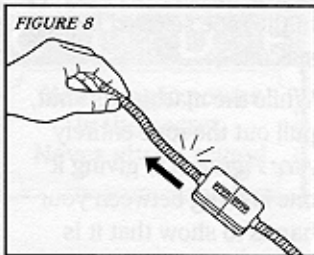
FIGURE 7



Reverse the cutting move to restore the rope (*see Figure 5*).

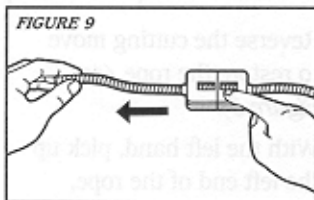
With the left hand, pick up the left end of the rope, pulling it out a bit to prove that the rope is truly restored (*see Figure 8*).

FIGURE 8



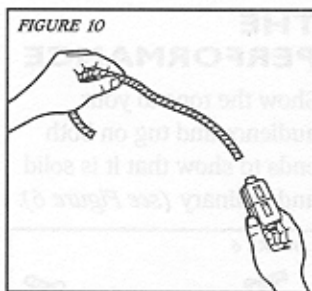
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Holding the machine steady with the right forefinger, slowly pull the rope through the machine towards the left as you ask a spectator to tell you when to stop (see Figure 9).



When you are told to stop, repeat the cutting and magic restoring moves at the point in the rope selected by the spectator.

While the machine is shut, pull out the rope entirely (see Figure 10), giving it one last tug between your hands to show that it is indeed just an ordinary piece of rope.



You won't believe your eyes when you see this startling magical illusion. Remember, the rope is always in sight. The rope can be moved along through the cutting machine and the spectator can decide the exact spot where the rope will be sliced in two.

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WHAT'S THE PATTERN?

Patter is what magicians say to create a mood for a trick and to draw the audience's attention to details like innocent-looking props. You can use the patter we've provided or make up your own!

Ladies and Gentlemen, here is a piece of rope for you to examine. Notice it is a perfectly ordinary piece of rope. Now watch as I put it into my special cutting machine. I'm going to cut this rope. I think I'll cut it right...here! (Cut the rope) ... And as you can see, the rope is now in two separate pieces. But I've changed my mind; I didn't want to cut it here. So I'll just put it back together ... like this!

(Restore the rope) Tell you what: I'll pull the rope through and you tell me where to stop and cut the rope. Here? (Now slide the machine to slice the rope) Okay, now it's in two pieces (Now slide the machine to restore the rope) ... and now it's whole again! And if I pull the rope all the way out ... you'll see it's just an ordinary piece of rope after all.

