

## **Key Card**

**Effect:** Key Card – Never gamble with cards

**Props Required:** 1 Regular deck of cards

**Method:** The Key card principle. You can set this up 2 different ways.

Method #1) Know beforehand what the bottom card is or place YOUR favorite card on the bottom of the deck. Place the cards in the card case. Ask the spectator, "Would you like to see a gambling trick or demonstration"? Take the cards out of the card case and place them face down on the table. Ask the spectator to cut the cards anywhere they would like, place those cut cards down on the table off to the side of the bottom of the deck. Now give them their choice of either the top card of the bottom deck or the bottom card on the deck they cut off. Which ever card they choose have them look at the card and place it face down on top of the deck they cut off. Now have them place the original bottom cut portion of cards back on top of their selected card and square up the deck nice and neat.

They just placed your key card directly on top of their selected card. From the top going down, you will see your key card first then their selected card will be next. Pick up the deck with the cards facing you, locate your key card, the card closest to you beside your key card is their selected card.

If you allow them to cut the deck once before looking for their card, they could cut directly between your key card and their selected card. If this happens, then your key card will end up on the bottom and their selected card will end up on top.

Method #2) Have the spectator shuffle the cards several times. As they are shuffling the cards, notice what the bottom card is on their last shuffle. If you didn't get a chance to view the bottom card, then when they place the deck on the table, pick up the deck showing all of the cards face-up. Saying, " You did a really good job of mixing up these cards". Notice what the bottom card is, this is now your key card and proceed like the above trick.