

PINSTRUCK

EFFECT: A box of sewing pins (or needles) is shown and examined. The spectator picks a number from 1 – 10. “Ok, I want you to hand me that many pins from the box one at a time.” Each pin is seen to be very new and very sharp. The Magician, showing his hands to be empty – begins to stick his thumb one at a time – until his thumb is a quill of pins.

“If I concentrate, I can keep myself from bleeding.” When the spectator has reached their number, the magician turns his hand to show the pins very much in his thumb and no blood.

SET UP: You need a box of real pins and some hot wax.

Simply dip the “finger print side” of your thumb into the hot wax and get a nice clear coat. You are pretty much set now you just need to find a spectator with a weak stomach.

PRESENTATION: Show your hands to be empty and have the pins examined.

It really doesn't matter how many pins the spectator hands you – so long as the pins are selected and examined by the spectator.

Begin with your hand facing you – and stick the pins into the wax being careful not to break it up. Place the pins in a random order around the thumb – wince and show pain, but do not allow the pins to break your skin.

When you are ready to show your hand – simply turn your hand around to full view – keep it moving – so that the spectators do not get a clear view of your waxed thumb. Pull the pins out one by one and stick the tips in your mouth to clean off any wax residue left behind.