

"Do As I Do" Double No Switch Deck Switch

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Here is an idea that will seem the most obvious thing one could come up with, but to my knowledge nobody has ever published nor mentioned it. It is yet another example of what I called a "No Switch Deck Switch" in *The Art of Switching Decks*.

The "switch" occurs in connection with a "Do As I Do" routine"; I shall explain this in the context of a very simple version, which you may vary according to your knowledge, imagination and skill..

Premise: You have been using one deck up to now and want to bring in a special deck.

Explain that in your next experiment two decks will be used, one for you, one for a fellow player. Set two decks on the table that are of the same brand but with different colored backs, such as two decks of Tally-Ho, one red and one black (up to here you have, e.g., been using a deck with a Bicycle back). To avoid confusion case the Bicycle deck and put it away in your pocket or elsewhere (needless to say that there awaits already a cold deck of the same brand to be reintroduced later – that is why I call this ""Double No Switch Deck Switch"").

Needless to say that both decks are stacked. Use any order you are familiar with. A deck in mnemonic order is preferred, as in most cases, but a mathematical stack, such as "Si Stebbins," or a rosary stack, such as "Eight Kings" works fine, too.

Have an assisting spectator choose one of the decks, you take the other. Each one shuffles their respective decks; you do so with a False Shuffle retaining the stack. Immediately give the deck several straight cuts. The cuts, being legitimate, are Actions of Implicit Conviction, i.e., since the cuts are real, the shuffle is, too. You consolidate this false reality by applying the Principle of Recap, "The decks have been shuffled and cut."

Exchange decks (think up a reason for doing so, in case you have not yet tackled this problem...).

Now each one takes the top card, looks at it, and then places it back somewhere in the deck. You may forget your card.

Once again exchange decks, the rationale being that each one gets his own deck back.

Say that each of you shall place his card face down on the table. You do so first, in order to preclude any suspicion (marked cards, getting a peek of the spectator's card, etc.). Look through the deck and pretend to take out your card. In reality you search the only card that is out of order, and then place it face down in front of you. Once you have done that, the spectator does the same with his card in his deck.

Upon turning them over, bot cards are seen to miraculously be the same.

Lest I forget...: You can go even a step further. Begin by placing the two decks on the table, explaining that you will do a "double test" in just a minute (the "Do As I Do" routine you plan on doing). But before, the spectator needs to undergo a test, to check his aptitude for the bigger test. Have him choose one of the decks, which will now be his deck. Start out by performing any strong piece using that stacked deck.

Once this is done, you take the other deck, also stacked, of course, and proceed as described above.

Also see [Peek & Glimpse "Do As I Do"](#)