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# Instant Sudoku Genius



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### Sudoku Shocker



#### **Effect**

Within seconds of a spectator calling out a random number you are able to draw a 4 x 4 sudoku like 'magic square' in which all combinations of 4 squares inside the grid add up to the spectators freely chosen random number.

A feat that would seemingly require a superhuman mathematical brain.

#### **Method**

Another classic of magic that has seen somewhat of a rebirth of popularity lately probably due to Derren Brown performing it in one of his recent sellout stage shows.

The secret is that you either memorize or prepare a template grid that works for any number between 25 and 100. The grid is the same for every number apart from 4 of the squares shown below.

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8	11	B	1
A	2	7	12
3	D	9	6
10	5	4	C

You can have this grid written lightly in pencil on the inside cover of small notepad so you can easily glance at it while drawing out the square each time during performance. Or memorize the grid.

Here's how to calculate what goes inside the 4 empty squares.

Ask for a number between 25 and 100. Say for this example they choose 37.

Subtract 21 from their number (which leaves 16 in this case), write this number in position A. Now add 1 to this number and put it in position B. Add 1 again for the number in position C and 1 again for the number in position D.

In our example you will the finished square will end up as below.

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8	11	17	1
16	2	7	12
3	19	9	6
10	5	4	18

You'll see in the grid above all rows and columns total 37. The diagonals total 37. In fact almost every combination of 4 squares in the grid total 37, the spectators freely chosen number.

Don't dismiss the apparent simplicity of this effect it really does floor people.

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