

## Rubber Band Ring Levitation Trick

Fun with some office supplies and a borrowed wedding ring.

**The Effect:** Take a rubber band and thread a ring onto it. The ring is sitting in the center of the band, but then slowly creeps up the rubber band, all by itself!

**What You Need:** A rubber band, not a real thick one, and a borrowed ring.

**The Method:** This trick almost works by itself. Break the rubber band so that you have one long single piece of rubber. Take a ring and thread the ring onto the rubber band. Take one end of the rubber band in your left hand and the other end in your right hand. When you do this, you will have a long, loose piece dangling hidden in your left palm. The spectators won't see this as the back of your hands are towards them. Your hands should be at the same level so that the rubber band is horizontal.

Make sure that the ring is closer to right fingers, but not touching the fingers, about an inch away. Raise your right hand and allow the ring to fall towards your left hand and say, "Anyone can make the ring fall down. But I can make the ring fall up!" Allow the ring to fall within an inch of your left fingertips.

Lift the right hand up and stretch the rubber band about 12" between your hands so the band is at a slope the ring is towards the lower end of the band. Keep most of the rubber band hidden in your left hand. Gently ease the grip on the rubber band with your left fingers allowing the rubber band to slide between your left fingertips. Don't worry; they won't see this. You'll actually fool yourself the first time you do this!

The ring will move up the rubber band as if it were on an escalator. Return the ring, give the rubber band out as a souvenir and bow to your thunderous applause!