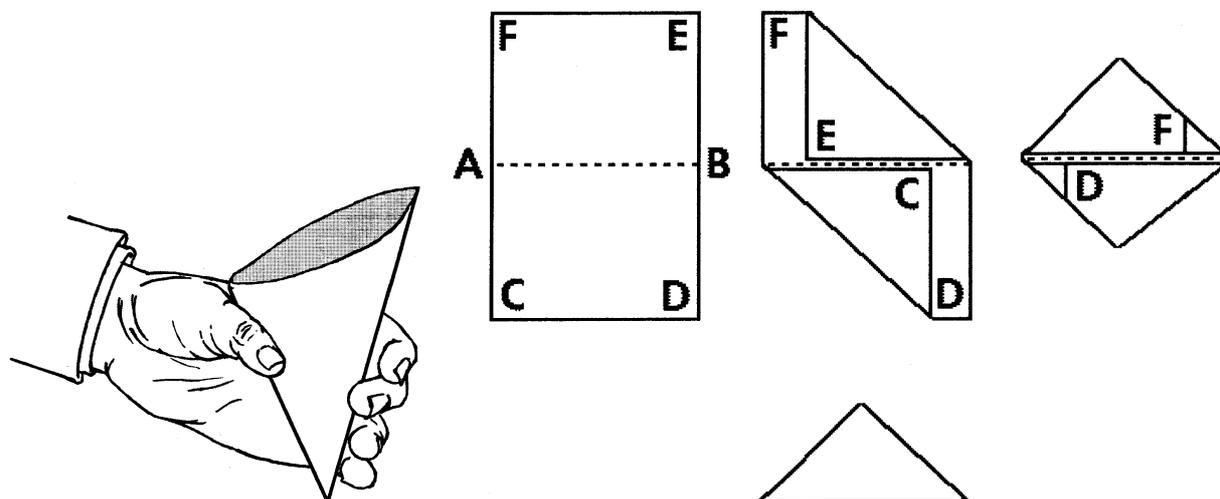


Billet Doux Utility Cone (by Peter Gardini)

This amazing paper fold produces a paper cone which can be utilised in a variety of magical effects.



Take a sheet of A4 paper or card stock and fold it in half top to bottom along the line AB. Fold the corner C over so that the edge AC runs along the centre line AB. Fold the corner E over so that the edge EB runs along the centre line AB. Run your fingers down both the folded edges to make the creases tight. Fold the corner D over so that the edge DB runs along the centre line AB. Fold the corner F over so that the edge FA runs along the centre line AB. Run your fingers down both the folded edges to make the creases tight.

To complete the utility cone, fold the two halves together along the centre line AB keeping the Corners D and F on the inside. As they are being folded together, tuck the corner flap D behind corner flap F and ease the two halves together until the cone is a neat triangle shape.

It will be seen that the completed cone has two pockets which both look identical. When held open as shown in the diagram, only one pocket is visible and the audience are not aware of the other pocket.

The utility cone can be used to produce or vanish small objects. It can also be used to change or switch one item for another. For example place a £5 note into one pocket changes into a £50 note.

A £50 note is placed into one pocket before the presentation. Hold the cone in the left hand by the £50 pocket side. Place a £5 note into the empty pocket then grasp the sides of the cone between both hands. Blow on the cone as it is transferred to the right hand. In changing hands it automatically switches the pockets and changes the £5 into a £50. This could demonstrate how your money can grow with The Nationwide or the Woolwich.

Note:

If the cone is to be used to vanish a coin then one of the flaps must be glued down in one pocket to stop the coin working its way through to the other pocket.