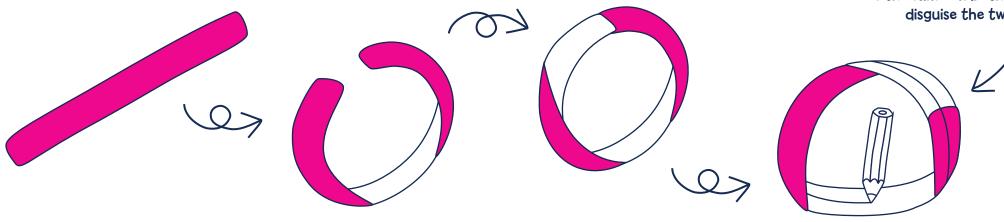
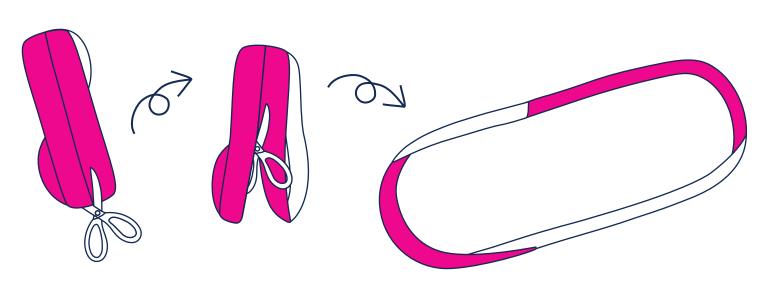
Paper Strip Magic Tricks

The first trick is to draw a line along 'both sides' of a möbius strip without lifting the pen or pencil. This happens because a möbius strip is a three dimensional object with only one surface. You can make one by turning a strip of paper into a circle and flipping one end over before attaching them together.

For illustration purposes, our paper strip has two colours. However, for the best effect, use a strip that is the same on both sides to disguise the twist!



Now, what happens if you cut along this line with a pair of scissors?

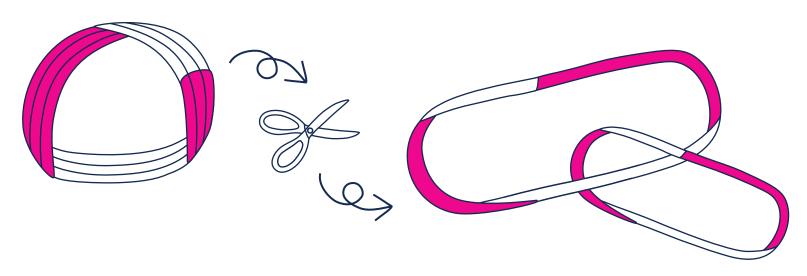


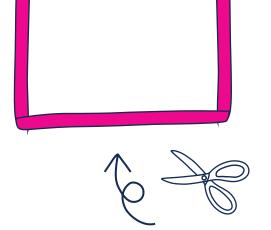
Here's an Idea!

What happens if you do the same tricks but twist your strip two or even three times before attaching the ends together? Why not have an audience member use the scissors for a big reveal?

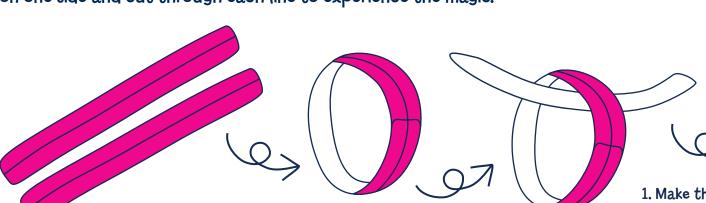
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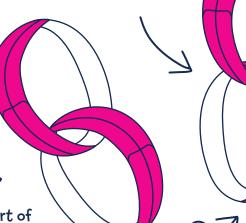
For this trick, you'll need to make a new möbius strip. Then, draw two lines through the length (dividing the strip into thirds). What happens if you cut along both of these lines?





This time we're going to start with a slightly different set up: take two equal strips and draw a line along the length of each one. Form one strip into a loop, then thread the second strip through before forming another loop - no twists this time! Next, fix the two loops together on one side and cut through each line to experience the magic.





2. Then stick the

two loops together

so they don't move

1. Make the start of a paper chain