

# Build Your Own Magic Illusions: Kung Foo Cabinet Illusion

The Kung Foo Cabinet Illusion is a classic magic illusion that is perfect for stage or close-up performances. It's a great illusion for beginners, as it's relatively easy to build and perform. With a little practice, you'll be able to amaze your audiences with this incredible illusion.

## Materials You'll Need

- 1 4' x 8' sheet of 1/2" plywood
- 1 2' x 4' sheet of 1/4" plywood
- 1 1" x 2" x 8' pine board
- 1 1" x 4" x 8' pine board
- 1 1/2" wooden dowel, cut to 30" long
- 1 1/4" wooden dowel, cut to 24" long
- 1 1/2" wooden screw, 3" long
- 1 1/4" wooden screw, 2" long
- 1 1" finishing nail
- Wood glue
- Paint or stain
- Fabric for curtain

## Instructions

1. Cut the 4' x 8' sheet of plywood into two 2' x 4' pieces. These will be the sides of the cabinet. 2. Cut the 2' x 4' sheet of plywood into two 1' x 2' pieces. These will be the top and bottom of the cabinet. 3. Cut the 1" x 2" pine board into two 2' pieces. These will be the supports for the top and bottom of the cabinet. 4. Cut the 1" x 4" pine board into two 1' pieces. These will be the supports for the sides of the cabinet. 5. Assemble the cabinet by gluing and screwing the sides to the top and bottom. Then, glue and screw the supports to the inside of the cabinet. 6. Drill a 1/2" hole in the center of the top of the cabinet. This is where the 1/2" wooden dowel will go. 7. Drill a 1/4" hole in the center of the bottom of the cabinet. This is where the 1/4" wooden dowel will go. 8. Insert the 1/2" wooden dowel into the hole in the top of the cabinet. Then, insert the 1/4" wooden dowel into the hole in the bottom of the cabinet. 9. Screw the 1/2" wooden screw into the top of the 1/4" wooden dowel. This will hold the dowels together. 10. Attach the fabric for the curtain to the top of the cabinet.



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## Performance

To perform the Kung Foo Cabinet Illusion, stand behind the cabinet and hold the 1/4" wooden dowel in your hand. Place the 1/2" wooden dowel in

the hole in the top of the cabinet.

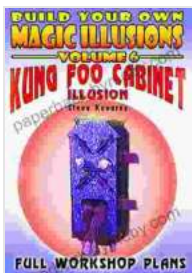
Have a volunteer stand in front of the cabinet. Ask the volunteer to punch the cabinet with their fist. As the volunteer punches the cabinet, quickly pull the 1/4" wooden dowel out of the hole in the bottom of the cabinet.

The volunteer will appear to punch through the cabinet!

## Tips

\* Practice the illusion several times before performing it for an audience. \* Make sure the cabinet is sturdy and can withstand being punched. \* Use a fabric for the curtain that is opaque and will not allow the volunteer to see through it. \* Perform the illusion in a well-lit area so that the audience can clearly see the effect.

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