

# HAT TRICKS



*Abacadabra, katakurico!*

Want to recreate some of Hattie's magic at your home, school, or library? Try these easy, engaging magic-themed activities that are just perfect for little readers. Stand back and watch the fun appear!

1. **What's the Magic Word?** – Every magician has special words to make magic happen. Hattie says “Abacadabra, katakurico!” before each of her tricks. Create your own special magic word, write it out or print it out on a piece of paper, and color and decorate the page.
2. **Make the Magic Word Appear** – Write your magic word or draw a picture on a white piece of paper using a white crayon. Then paint over it using watercolors and a brush. Voila! Your work or image will appear!
3. **Play the Magician** – Choose one person to be the magician and give them a magic wand. The magician will then point to someone else in the group and say “I'm turning you into a rabbit (or octopus, cat, moose, elephant, etc.)” That person must then transform into that animal. Each person in the group takes a turn being the magician.
4. **Make Your Own Magic Wand** – Ordinary objects make the best magic wands! Decorate a stick, pencil, popsicle stick, paper towel roll, or a chopstick with paint, glitter, stickers, pom-poms, and more. You can even use a large pretzel stick instead to make edible magic!
5. **Magic Flower Bouquet** – Buy a bouquet of white flowers, snip off the bottoms of the stems (about an inch), and place them in a vase with 8 ounces of water and 20-25 drops of food coloring. Watch the flowers change colors! You can also do this with one flower per glass (only 2-5 drops of food coloring in water) for a multi-colored bunch.

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6. **Scarf Play** – Dance around with silky scarves or long pieces of fabric by waving them, throwing them in the air, and twirling as they float. You can also play peek-a-boo, hide-and-seek, or tug-of-war. For an extra touch of magic, tie multiple scarves together and hide them in a tissue box or other container with a lid and hole. Pull the scarves out slowly for an element of surprise.
7. **Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party** – Grab some glow sticks, necklaces, and bracelets. Dim the lights, and turn on your favorite tunes! Dance around and watch the magical colors pop against the dark.
8. **It's in the Cards** – Take a standard deck of playing cards. Try to sort and match the cards by color and suit. You can also play a simple game of "Memory" by pulling out 14 cards (two tens, two nines, two eights, two sevens, and so on) and laying them face down in a grid. Turn the cards over two at a time to find matches.

