

# What is Traumfabrik?



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbiPTj\\_HKAc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbiPTj_HKAc)

Wikipedia: [https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traumfabrik\\_%28Showtheater%29](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traumfabrik_%28Showtheater%29)

Home: [www.traumfabrik.de](http://www.traumfabrik.de)

## Deception by distraction:

basketball-video by Daniel J. Simons <https://youtu.be/w7J7nwxFbSE>



## The way Traumfabrik deceives:

### Important first step:

“Preparation” of the audience until the show starts

### The main tricks: <https://youtu.be/ZbskIdA41Ys>

- **technique/skill/manipulation** = “magnetic” flying fabric
- **expectation/experience/assumption** = the brain fills in the gap = spoon/thumb
- **inertia of the eye** = “pixel poi” is a led stick that becomes a tv
- **hide** = trick takes place in the dark part of the stage

## Further tricks especially magicians use:

- **distraction** = the spectators look at the place where the magician is looking = “Look carefully because the closer you look, the less you will see how the trick works” = the monkey business illusion (basketball)
- **pars pro toto** = magician shows 4 cards of a deck of cards and everyone thinks all cards are different
- **conditioning** = throw white ball in the air 5 times
- **change blindness** = audience is “blind” during changes = perspectives and cuts in movies  
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- **illusion of free choice** = magic is even more impressive if the audience thinks they have chosen a card