



# “It’s Magic” Badge

Adapted from an It’s Magic IP written & designed by Samantha DiCenso from Troop 857.

A rabbit in a hat, people that float in the air, scarves that disappear; what do they have in common? It’s Magic!! Learn about this art form that began centuries ago. Complete six of the requirements listed below to earn this Council’s Own “It’s Magic” Badge.

**Magic From the Past....**Learn about Harry Houdini; a famous magician from the past. When did he live? What type of tricks and props did he use? What made him a famous magician?

**Abacadabra!....**Learn three simple magic tricks. Perform one trick for your troop or your family. Did they enjoy your performance? What was the hardest part of performing the trick?

**Types of Magic....**Learn about three different types of magic. What makes each type unique? Name a magic trick for each of the different techniques.

**Technology of Illusions....**How do magicians use technology to perform their illusions?

**Close-up vs. Stage Magic....**Learn about the art of performing illusions in close-up as well as stand up effects. How are these two effects similar? How are they different?

**Hocus Pocus!....**Watch a professional magician perform. During the show the magician will tell stories while doing their tricks. This is called "patter." Make up a story or patter about a trick you just learned.

**Career Connection....**Find out what it takes to become a magician. Is there a school for magicians? What training is required? How long do you have to study or train? What are the challenges of being a magician? Is there a Magic Group or Society that can help you find this information? Share what you learned with your troop or family.

**Tour of a magic shop....**Take a tour of a magic shop. What was unique about this shop? Ask to see some magic tricks that are for sale. What other items are for sale in a magic shop besides the tricks themselves? Make a list of the items you think a magician should have. Share these with your troop.

**Star Quality....**What does it take to become a famous magician? Find out what qualities and skills all famous magicians have in common. Would you like to be famous? Discuss the pros and cons of being famous with your troop.

**Props & Costumes....**Learn about the different props and costumes that magicians use in their performances. Try a trick using one of these props or costumes.

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