

Jim Temple's COLOR MONTE

EFFECT: Three cards are shown. . . two have a red spot, one has a blue spot. Performer explains that this is a gambling game. If you can find the blue spot you win a dollar; if you're wrong, you lose a dollar. Performer is going to show how he got taken. He shows the blue card on top. He turns it face down and places it on the bottom. When he shows bottom card, it's a red one. He shows top card. . . it's red. He shows the middle one. . . it, too is red. This means so far that he has lost three dollars because every time he picks the card that he thinks is the blue one, he gets the red. So performer says that he accused the gambler of not even having a blue one. He shows that the bottom card is now a blue one. . . so, he's lost another dollar. Then he says that if it's on the bottom, it can't be on top. Wrong again, because there it is. Then he shows it also in the center. So far, he's lost six dollars. So he says that he thinks that the gambler is using more than three cards. He counts them on the table showing just three. Now he's lost seven dollars. So performer says that the gambler gave him a chance to get even. . . double or nothing. He shows that one card has a blue spot. The other has a red spot. Tell the color of the third card and we're even. Performer says he was wrong again and ended up losing \$14. Performer turns over the third card as he says this and it has \$14 printed on it.

METHOD: The main sleight used is the Multiple Push-Off. While holding the cards squared in left hand in dealing position, bring the left thumb over to the left edge of the cards. Now, when you push off as in dealing, instead of only one card moving, two cards move.

1. Start with three cards face down in your left hand. The \$14 card on top red second, blue on the bottom.
2. Multiple Push-Off (M.P.) card(s) face up on the packet showing a red card. M.P. it face down and deal the top card face down on the table. Turn the next card face up showing red. Turn the red card face down and deal it on top of the card on the table. This shows, supposedly, two reds. Then show the third card blue, and place it face down on the other two.
3. Pick up the packet of three cards, and place it face down in the dealing position in the left hand (Be sure you don't flash the bottom card which is the \$14 card). Turn over the top card showing the blue card. Turn it face down. M.P., placing card(s) on the bottom. Turn the packet face up showing it's now a red card on bottom. Turn packet face down.

4. Slide top card back about an inch. Place your right middle finger on the back of the cards so that it is touching the front edge of the top card and the back of the second card. Place your right thumb at the rear edge of the top card. Push forward. This will out-jog the second card and line up the top card with the bottom card. Hold the edges of the out-jogged card with your left thumb and forefinger. Grab the top and bottom cards at the rear with your right hand, and pull it back. Turn it face up on the packet. It appears that you pulled the top card back and turned it face up. This, of course, shows a red on top.
5. M.P. top card(s) face down and fan three cards. Remove, and show the middle card which is the red one. Place it back in the center and square the cards.
6. Turn the packet face up and show a blue one on the bottom. Turn the packet face down and repeat steps 4 and 5 to show blue card on top and in middle.
7. Deal the cards on the table in pile reversing order.
8. Turn over the last card showing \$14.

Patter: One day a guy approached me and said he'd give me a chance to win some money. He had three cards. Two of them had a red spot, one had a blue one. He told me that the blue spot was the money card. He showed me it was on top. Then he put the top card on the bottom. He said if I could tell him where the blue one was I'd win a dollar. . . if I was wrong I'd owe him a dollar. I said "that's easy. . . it's on the bottom." (Turn packet over) He said "You owe me a dollar." ① I said "Well, I've got a fifty-fifty chance. I think it's on top." ② (Step 4) He said, "You owe me a dollar." I said, "Well, it has to be in the middle." (Step 5) He said, "You owe me a dollar." ③ I said, "Wait a minute. . . I don't think you even have a blue one." (Step 6) He said "You owe me a dollar." ④ I said "Well, if it's on the bottom, it sure can't be on top." (Step 4) He said "You owe me a dollar." ⑤ I said, "Well, one thing's for sure. . . it's not in the center." (Step 5) He said "You owe me a dollar." ⑥ I said, "I think you're using more than three cards." (Step 7) He said "You owe me a dollar." ⑦ I said "I quit, I'm out seven bucks." He said, "Hold on. I'll tell you what. I'll give you a chance to get even. (Step 8) Look. . . I'll show you two of the cards. We'll play double or nothing. If you can tell me the color of the third card, you owe me nothing. If you're wrong, you owe me double." I said, "With my luck it's probably red AND blue." (Step 9) He said "Wrong. . . you owe me fourteen bucks."