

## The Magic Strings

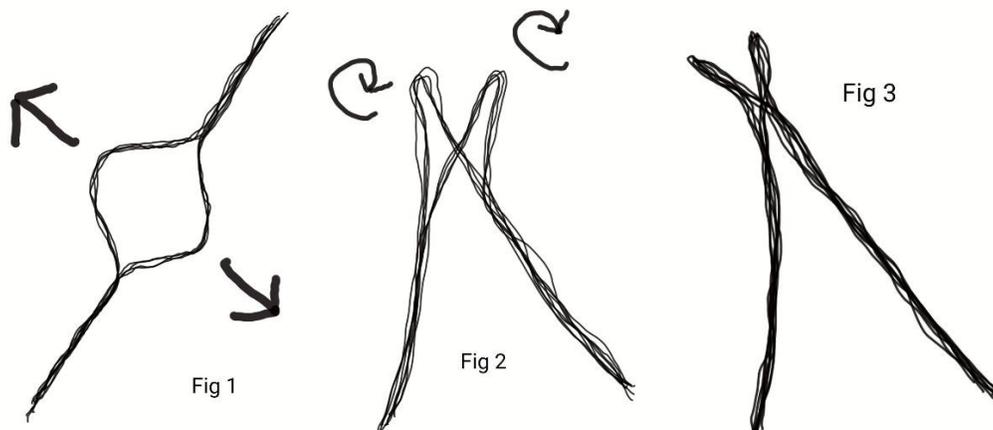
**Effect:** Two pieces of string are shown to your audience. Two of the ends are placed into your hand and upon doing some magic the two pieces of string become one!

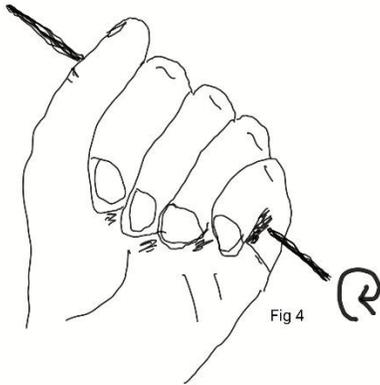
### Preparation:

- Take the piece of kitchen string and find the middle.
- Start to twist the string in the opposite direction of the natural twist in the thread to reveal several threads.
- Try to split the threads into two even portions of threads. (Fig 1)
- Once you separate the threads, in the middle of the string, for about 2-3 inches start to let the two separate parts twist into their own pieces. (Fig 2) This will make it look like you have two extra ends of string. (Fig 3)

### Method:

- Display the “two” pieces of string to your audience by keeping your index finger and thumb pinched over the intersection of where the middle becomes the ends.
- Begin to tell your story (Patter) about two strings becoming one.
- Place the two ends that you have created into your opposite hand and allow the longer ends to protrude from either side of your hand. (Fig 4)
- Pull slightly on the string while also giving a slight twist to allow of the string to be pulled back into one and to be twisted back into shape to be displayed as one string. (Fig 4) Reveal that the two strings have become one to your audience!





**Patter:** Patter is the term that magicians use when they are referring to the story that is told during a magic trick. Good patter is what can bring a pretty good magic trick to the next level and make it a great magic moment.

When it comes to patter the only limit is your own imagination. In this instance you have an effect where two strings are becoming one. You could tell a story of Wonder Woman's lasso and how it was cut in half and you knew it was your job as a magician to use your magic to restore the rope.

You could tell a story of two people who are living their individual lives and after meeting and becoming great friends, they created single memories together.

You could even tell the story of how your dog saw a squirrel and pulled on the leash so hard that it split into two so you needed to use your magic to restore the leash into one.

Again, the sky is the limit so have fun with this piece of magic!

Here is an example patter that you could use to get started:

"One day when Wonder Woman was attempting to save your friend her lasso caught on a very sharp rock and split into two (Display the "two" {prepared} strings). I needed Wonder Woman to save my friend so I knew that I needed to use my magic to fix her lasso. I took the two severed ends of the lasso into my hand (place the ends of string into your hand with the ends hanging out as in Fig 4) and I said the magic words "Magic Lasso that once was torn, with my magic is now restored!". I then began to pull on the lasso and by magic the lasso became one. Wonder Woman was then able to use her magic lasso to save my friend!"