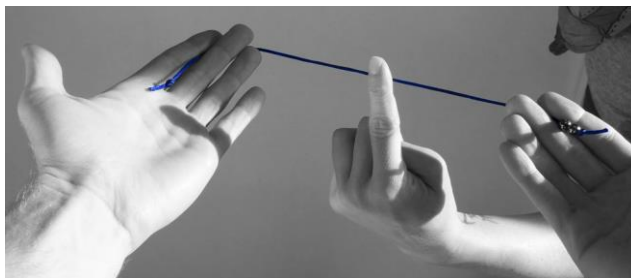


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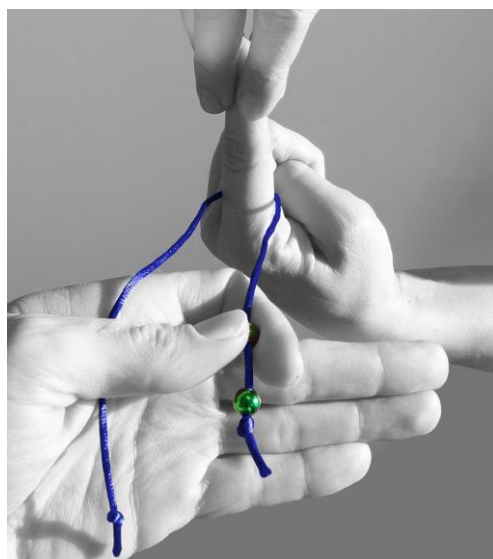
A silk ribbon magically pierces a person's finger! Magic? Unfortunately, no! But a wonderful effect!

Show the ribbon with the pearls and, if necessary, have it examined. Since it is not prepared, nobody will find anything special about it, because the secret of the trick lies in the texture of the ribbon and pearls.

Ask a second person to put his/her index finger out and stretch the ribbon between your two hands so that both pearls are on the right side. Now bring the ribbon in front of the person's index finger. (PICTURE 1)

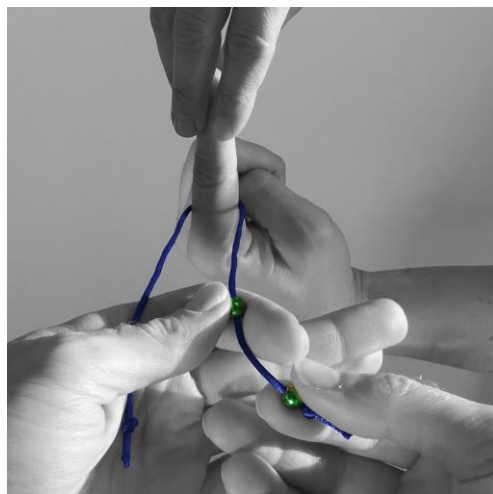


If you now pull towards you with both hands, the ribbon will stick to the finger of the person. Do this to show the viewers that there is no way the ribbon can get through the index finger in this position. While you now ask the person to take the tip of his index finger with the second hand, the secret preparation for the trick takes place: Pass the pearls and the ribbon from your right into your left hand. (PICTURE 2)



Officially, you indicate the person with your right hand to bring his second hand into play but, in reality, however, you clamp the end of the ribbon in your left hand in your left thumb fork and grab the upper pearl with your left index finger and thumb. (PICTURE 3)

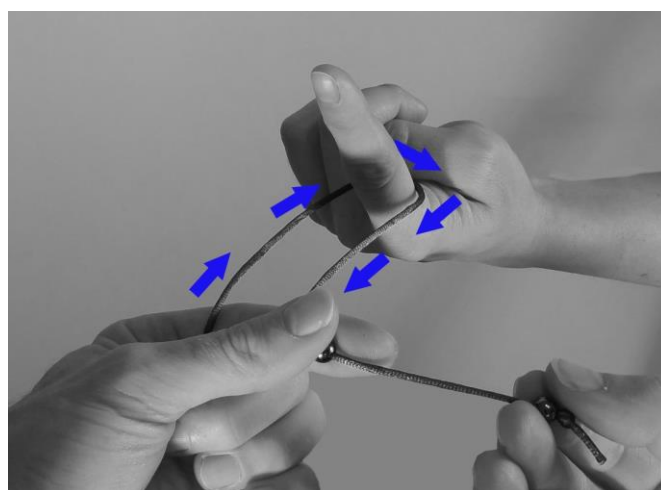
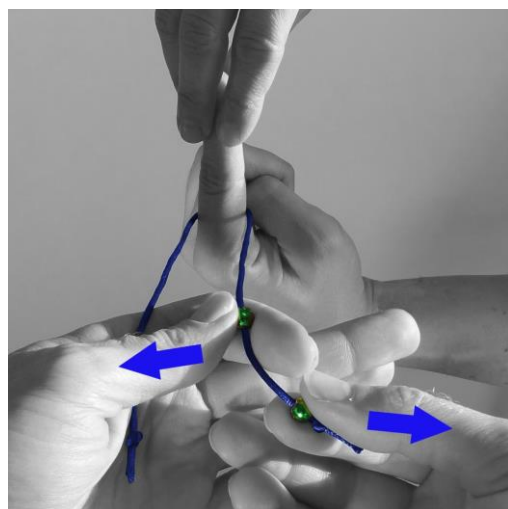
If you now bring your right hand back to the right end of the ribbon, you only grab the pearl at the back. (PICTURE 4)



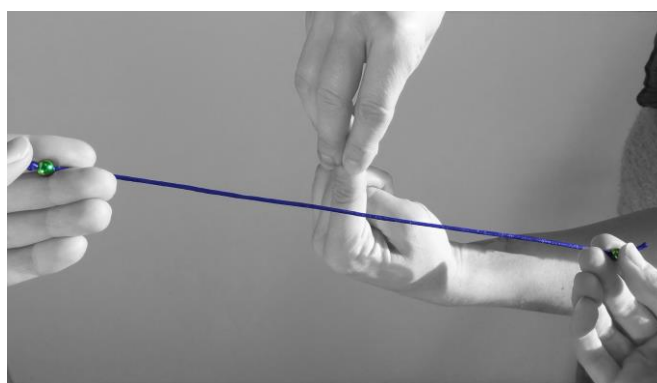
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As soon as you hold both pearls tight, start pulling them apart. At the same time, leave out the pinched end of the left thumb knobs.

Therefore, the pearl that you hold with your left fingers will slide along the ribbon. The ribbon is very smooth and so the pearl will slide to the end without faltering or getting stuck. This in turn means, that the ribbon will move around the person's finger (PICTURE 5) and remain taut between you and the person. (PICTURE 6)



Executed quickly, it appears as if the ribbon had penetrated the finger.



You can of course have the ribbon examined again immediately. Table legs or chair backs are ideal for practicing.

Good luck with this small but amazing penetration illusion.