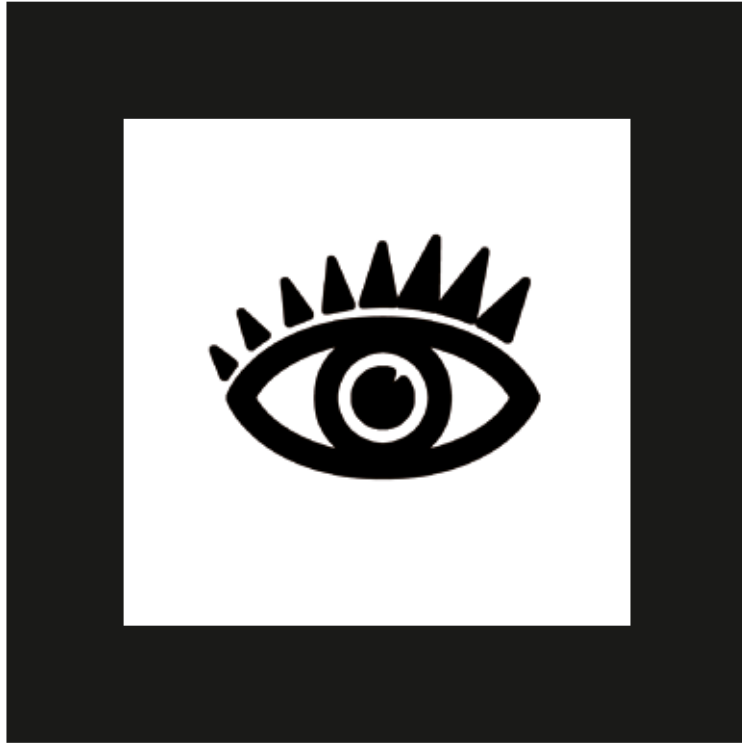


HOLD THIS WAY UP



This is magic – prepare to be amazed!

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1. Print the symbol:
 - a) from the website
 - b) by checking the box at the end of setup,
 - c) by going to 'File > Print Symbol' in the software
2. Fold the page as instructed to make it easier to use
3. Turn on your webcam and make sure it's working
4. Download and run the MagicSymbol application
5. Hold the symbol in front of your webcam (around 30 - 60cm away)

Shortcut keys

Right arrow: Watch next trick

Left arrow: Watch previous trick

Space bar: Watch full screen

Esc: Exit full screen mode

C: Capture a picture of the screen (Go to Capture>View Pictures to see your pictures)

Tips

Best results

- For the best results, your symbol must be completely visible. Make sure there is plenty of light in the room but get rid of any bright reflections on the symbol. Do not tear/bend the symbol or cover any part of it with your fingers.
- Make sure your webcam is focused correctly. Stand in front of the camera and focus it on your face.
- If the magic doesn't happen, press F9. This should calibrate the software to your lighting conditions. Make sure you keep the symbol on screen for a few seconds while it completes the scan.

Playing the video

- If the video is showing but it is back to front or upside down go to Tools > Settings > Video Settings and check the horizontal and vertical flip box.
- If the video is showing but is very slow try installing the latest drivers for your graphics card, resizing the window to make it smaller or changing the resolution of your desktop.
- Another possible cause for it to play slowly is that your webcam is set to a high resolution frame size e.g. 1280 x 1024. Go to Tools > Settings > Video Settings to select a smaller format e.g. 640 x 480.
- Be sure to check the frames per second (fps) too. It should be at least 30. Formats are displayed as follows – 640 x 480 30 16-bit. (The first part is the resolution, second is the frames per second and the last is the colour depth.)

Connecting to your webcam

- If the software runs but keeps trying to connect to a webcam that is not connected to your computer, go to Tools > Settings > Video Settings and select the webcam that is connected to your computer.
- If the software fails to find your webcam, make sure it is properly installed. On windows XP go to Start > All Programs > Accessories > Camera and Scanner Wizard. If it displays a message saying the webcam cannot be found, try reinstalling the drivers and restarting your machine.