



Instructions for Optical Illusion Performer

You are performing the Zöllner Optical Illusion discovered by German astrophysicist Johann K. F. Zöllner in 1760.

1. Download and print off both pages – This instruction page is NOT shown on camera
2. Practise holding the image page up to your camera so the audience can clearly see it
3. Ask the audience to check out the diagonal lines in the image and ask if they all run parallel.
4. Confirm that the diagonal lines really are parallel. Explain that the parallel diagonal lines intersect with short horizontal and vertical bars. This creates an image where the parallel lines seem to join and separate from each other
5. Conclude by commenting that the way information is grouped and presented can influence how we interpret it.