

PRODUCT REVIEW: JEREMY PEI'S "POWERFUL ROPE MAGIC" DVD
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Jeremy Pei is a creative magician. He has come out with innovative routines which have helped him win many international awards. Some of his effects are based on variations of existing tricks while others are totally original with him. In this DVD, you will get to sample Jeremy's wonderful magic with ropes.

This DVD is like a mini visual encyclopedia of rope magic. You will learn what types of ropes to use, how to prevent fraying of the ends of the rope, how to correctly insert magnets into ropes, and how to make your own customized gimmicked ropes. Jeremy also gives you a list of materials and equipment to obtain.

You then get to learn seven of Jeremy's rope routines that he uses in his own professional acts. "**Hyper Knot**" is a variation of Daryl's Jumping Knot of Pakistan, which is in turn based on Pavel's Fantastic Knot. There are some nice touches from Jeremy. In effect, a knot tied on a red rope is slid off the rope and then put back on again. The knot then visually jumps onto a white rope. Finally the red knot is discovered fused onto the white rope!



Inspired by David Roth's Hanging Coins, Jeremy comes out with a wonderful routine using a length of ungimmicked rope which he aptly calls "**Hanging Knots**". Each of three knots tied on a length of rope dissolves and invisibly hangs on three locations in the air. The three invisible knots are gathered together in one hand and caused to magically reappear tied onto the rope. You will learn how to tie the Hunter's Bow knot, the Lasso knot and the Double knot.

The classic Professor's Nightmare rope trick gets two different treatments by Jeremy in "**Professor's Remix**". This is the gimmicked version of Professor's Nightmare where three different lengths of rope become three equal lengths, and then all become magically fused into one long length of rope.

The "**Impossible Walking Knot**" is Jeremy's handling of Pavel's Super Walking Knot. A knot is tied on a length of rope, and at the magician's will, a spectator can slide the knot along the rope. When the knot is moved to another location on the rope, the knot is untied and the rope is actually shown separated at this location. Finally, the rope is restored magically into one length.

The classic cut and restored rope trick never looked more visual than in *“In-Half”*. A rope is cut in half and then instantaneously restored. It is cut in half again, a knot is tied to join the two halves together, and then it dissolves and the rope is back to one length again.

“Linked” is the linking ring effect done with rope loops. Three lengths of ropes are individually tied into loops and then the magician proceeds to link and unlink them.

“Ropes Penetration” is ropes through body. Two long lengths of ropes pass through the magician’s neck, and then through his waist.

*Some rope routines are ambitious and contain too many effects, and they become unnecessarily long and complicated. **Here you get seven uncluttered rope tricks, each with a definite climax.*** Jeremy explains each effect clearly and you will have no problem learning or making them. During explanation, he shows you both the front as well as back (“over-his-shoulder”) views. Jeremy also uses different colour segments of rope to help in the explanation.

As mentioned, this DVD is a mini encyclopedia of rope tricks. You get to learn classical rope effects such as Professor’s Nightmare, cut and stored rope, rope through body, all brought up to date with modern treatments.

You also get to learn original and modern rope tricks such as Hyper Knot, Hanging Knots, Linked, and Impossible Walking Knot. You will also learn how to tie false knots, slip knot and how to gimmick your ropes.

If you are not a handy person or you do not wish to make up your set of ropes, owners of this DVD are given a special web-site to purchase the necessary ropes at discounted prices.

This DVD is highly recommended.