Dear April,

Most people just call them wiggle cards. The pictures on wiggle cards are printed in slices. As you move it back and forth, you look at different sets of slices.

You see only one set at a time because you look through special lenses molded into the top layer of the wiggle card.

Experiment #1

WHAT YOU NEED: This newspaper - scissors WHAT TO DO: Cut out the big drawing. Use the colored lines to fold it like an accordion. You'll end up with a fan-fold.

Pull the fan-folded paper out a bit like in the little drawing. From one direction it looks like me. From another it looks like my brother, Beakman.

SO WHAT:

If the slices were really way narrow, you'd need a special lens to separate them. That's what your wiggle card does. Feel the surface of it. Use your fingernail. Those ridges are long, skinny lenses that let you see the skinny slices as one continuous picture.



P.S. from Beakman: Most wiggle cards are used to create are used to create 3-D images – pictures that seem to have depth. The lenses molded into the surface of the pictures allow each of your eyes to see different images, and your brain puts them together as a 3-D scene.

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