

Some Thoughts on the Hooked Coin

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Most of us involved in magic have at some point run across the Hooked Coin. The Hooked Coin is merely a coin which has had a pin attached so that it can temporarily be hooked onto clothing. This is a powerful tool for the magician when used correctly and with a correctly made coin.

As a youngster, I had a well made Hooked Coin. Today the coins being made and sold by many are incorrectly manufactured.

A correctly made Hooked Coin has a fine needle point for the hook. This hook should be attached as close to the coin rim as possible. The hook should barely extend beyond the surface of the coin. And the evidence of tampering done to the coin should be as minimal as possible. I will show a few pictures of poorly designed and made Hooked Coins as sold by magic dealers and a few pictures of well made Hooked Coins.

A number of folks seem to think the way to make such a coin is to drill it with a Dremel tool.



Into this hole a pin is glued.

Notice how far the pin sticks out from the coin and the distance from the rim.

Here are a few more examples of such a coin...



Notice the end of the pin clearly shows on the rim of this coin.



On this example, the rim of the coin where the pin penetrates has been filed flat – clearly broadcasting that something is wrong.

All of the pins on these coins stick out way too far from the coin surface. These pins could easily draw blood if hooked onto thinner clothing.

If the hook is attached as close to the coin rim as possible, the coin almost automatically rotates into the secure hanging position by just the weight of the coin as it is attached to the clothing.

Here are several views of Hooked Coins as I like to make and use them.



The hooks on these coins are fine needle points, close to the coin surface, and as close to the coin rims as possible.

Here are several views of the coin rims from the side without the hook. Notice the minimal evidence of tampering.



In use, I like to hook the coin onto a spectator's clothing and these fine needle points hold it there without sticking the spectator until I retrieve it.

Well made Hooked Coins make a difference in use.