

THE CONMAN'S GUIDE



TO

FREE DRINKS FOR LIFE!

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Introduction

Are you looking for a way to win free drinks from your friends at the bar?

If so, then this guide is for you! The Hustler's Guide to winning free drinks includes easy-to-learn barbets and challenges that will help you get free drinks in no time. Whether you're looking to meet new people, stitch up your pals, or entertain your friends and family at a party, this guide has you covered.

I've used all of these devious little swindles to great effect. My advice is to do no more than one or two at a time as your marks will start to get wise after seeing a few of these in a row.

Of course, it goes without saying that I do not advocate using these hustles for anything other than fun and theatrical purposes.

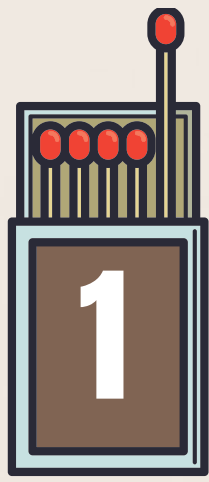
So with that in mind, I hope the following pages bring you plenty of fun and keep you winning.

Stay lucky and remember: "Never give a sucker an even break!"

Nick

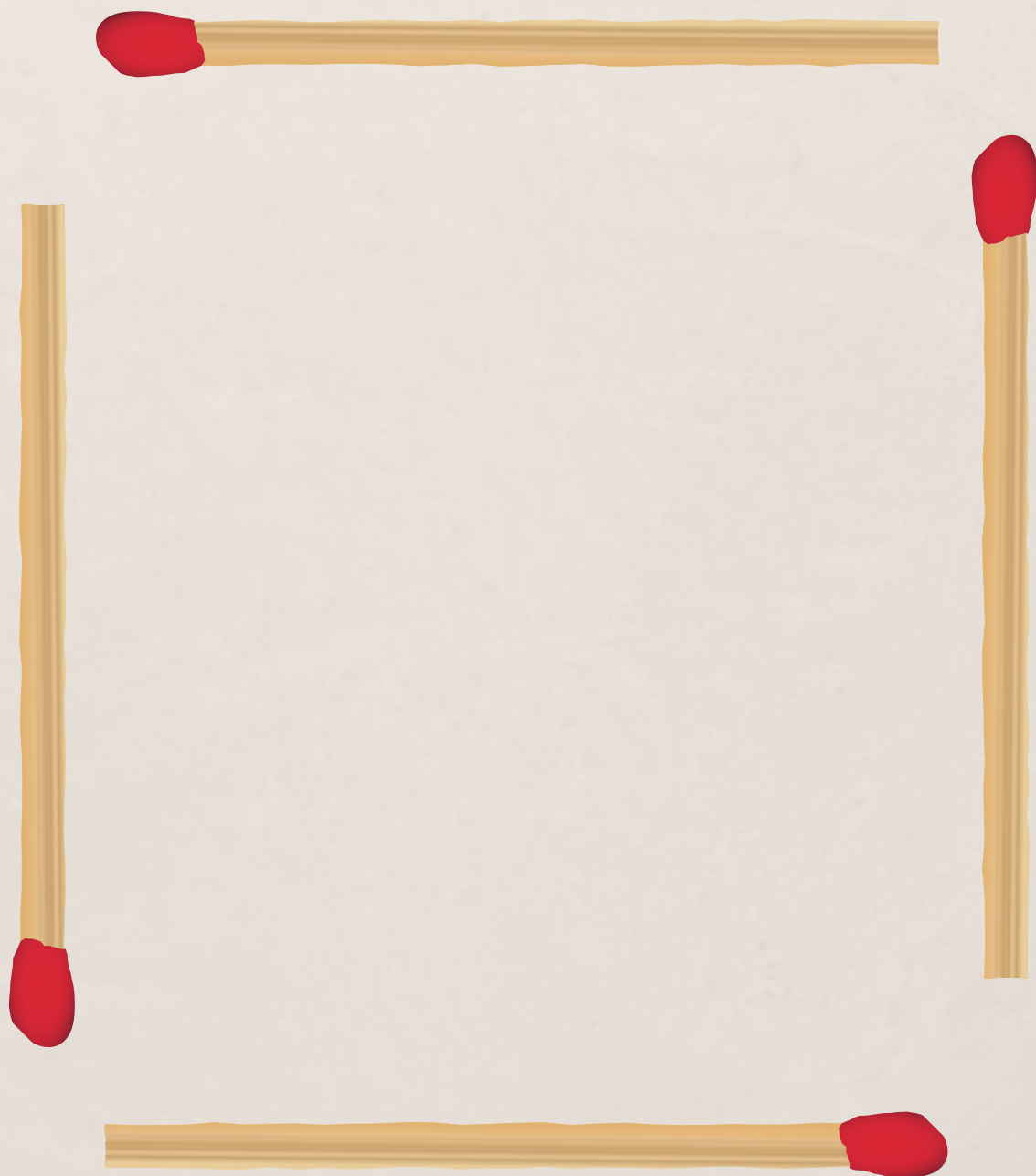
The Crooked Croupier



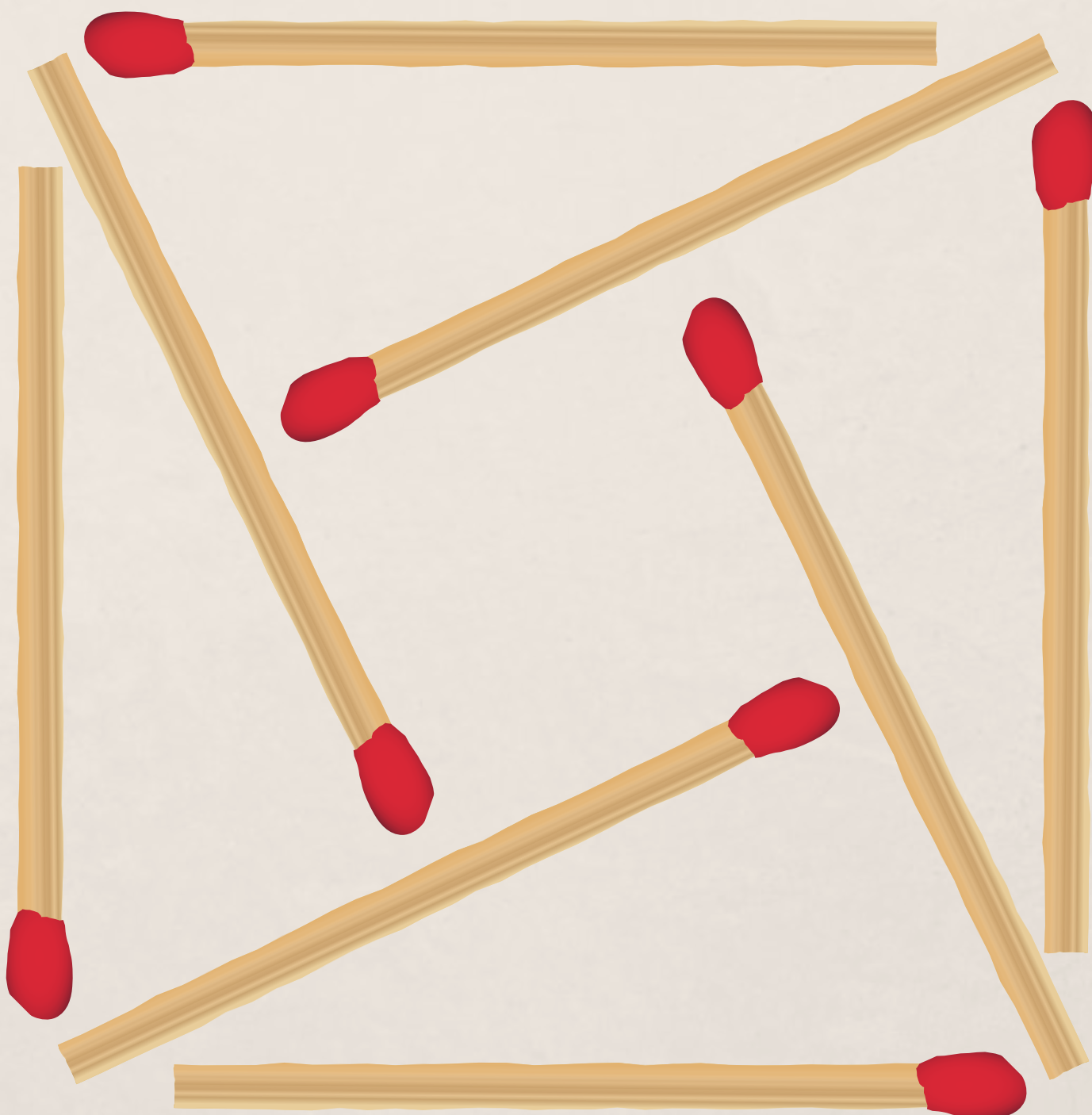


Challenge

By adding just four matches
can you form four triangles and
two squares?



Solution





Challenge

Flip the cups two at a time,
half a turn each, & end with
all three mouth-up



Solution

Move 1: Flip cups 1&2

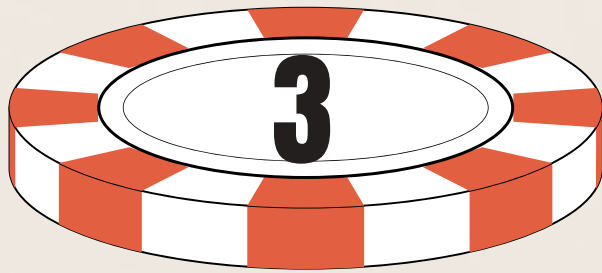
Move 2: Flip cups 1&3

Move 3: Flip cups 1&2

The secret is to start with the middle cup mouth-up for you but with the middle cup mouth down for them.

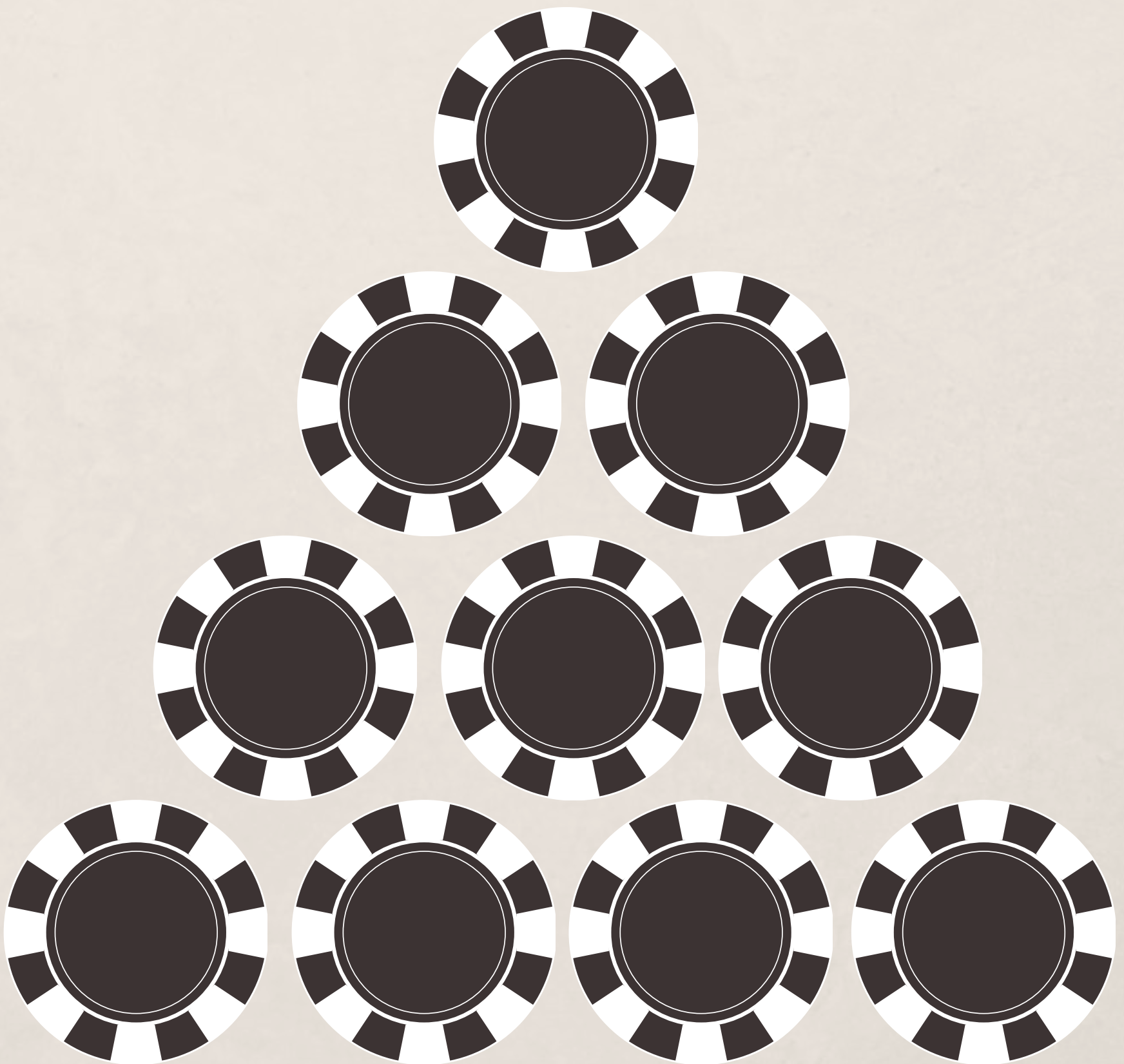


Top Tip: After demonstrating the challenge simply flip the middle cup to set them up for failure

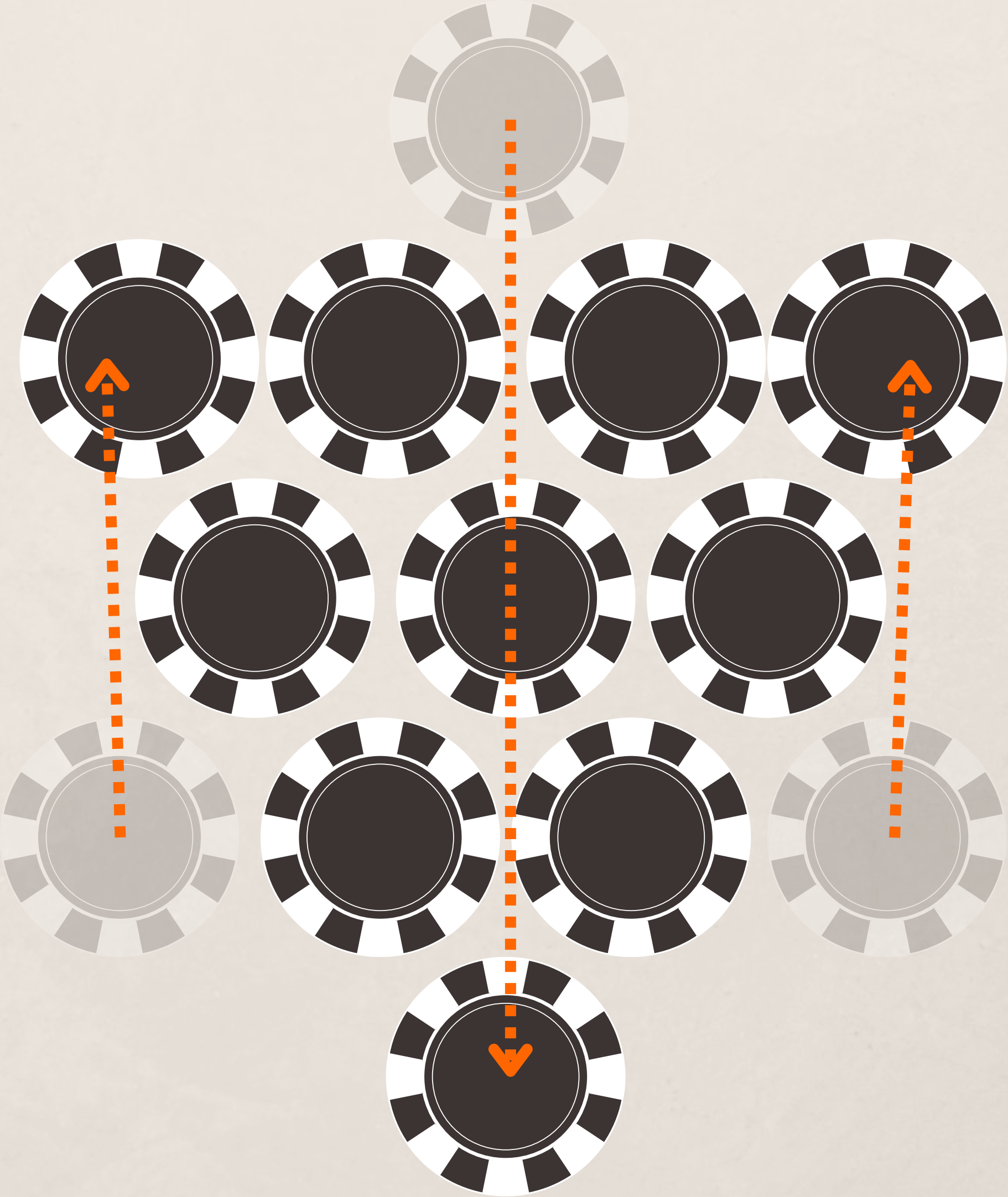


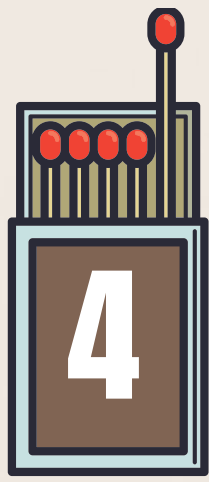
Challenge

Moving only 3 counters, can you make the pyramid point in the opposite direction?



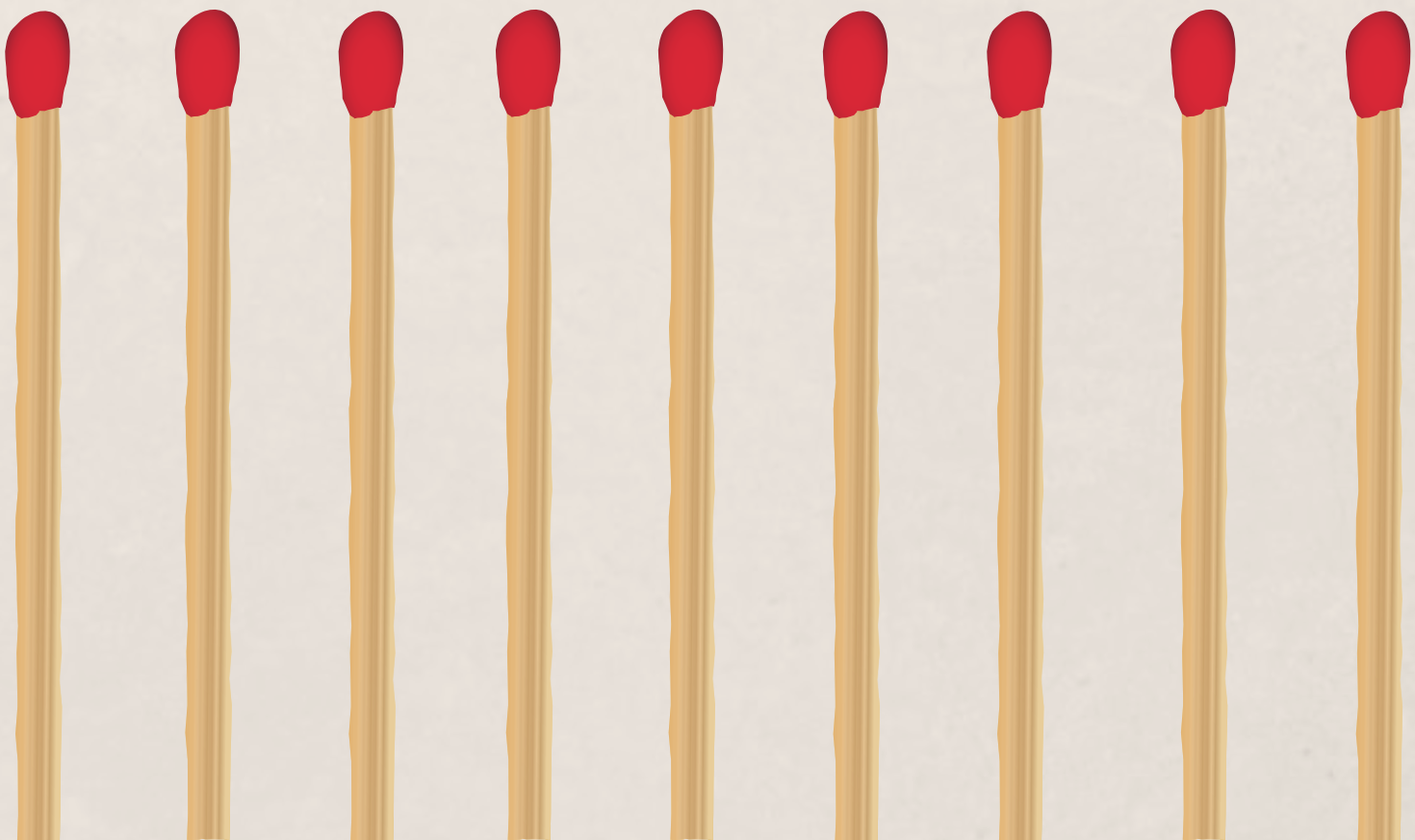
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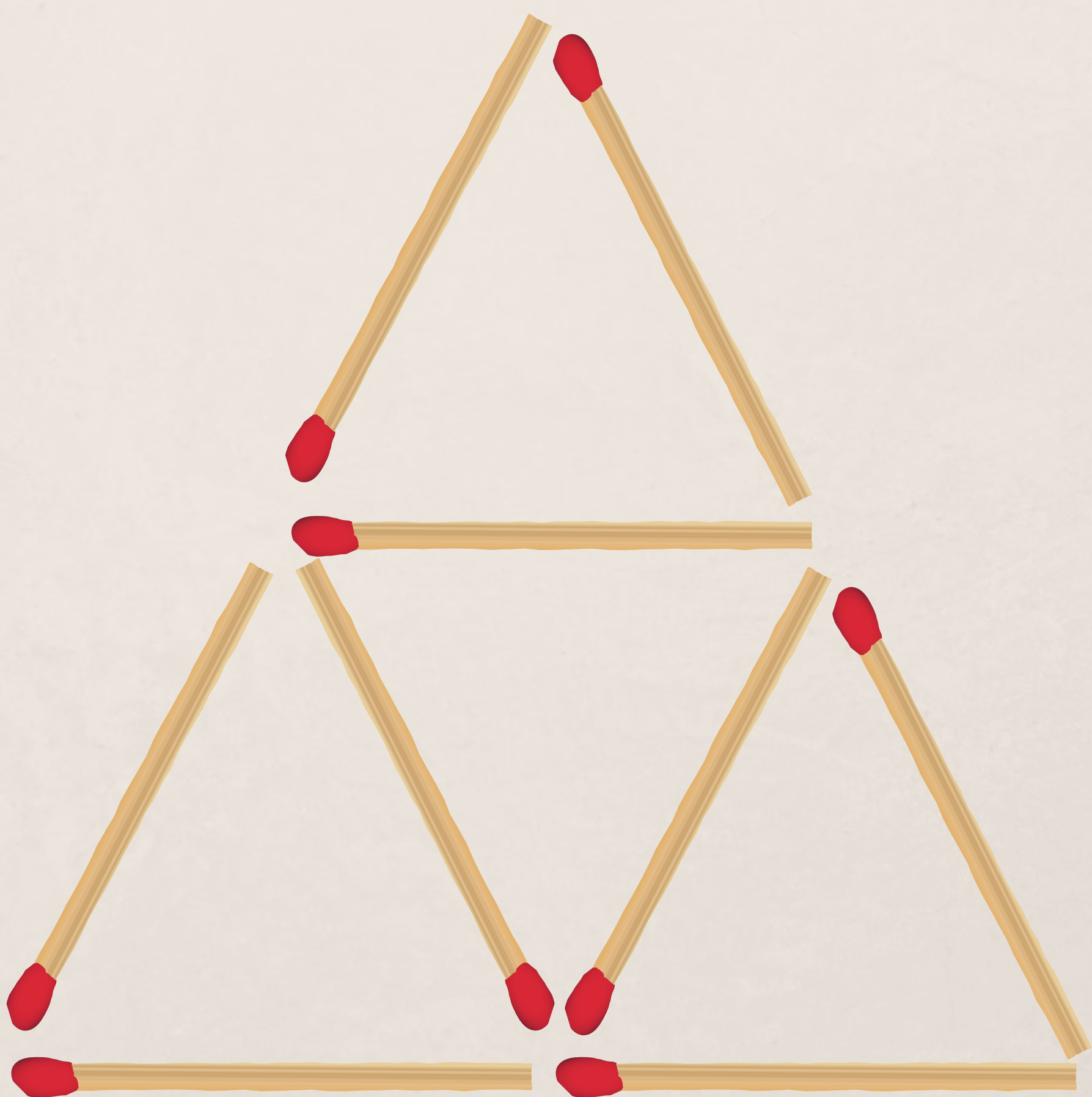


Challenge

Can you make five triangles
using just nine matches?



Solution



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Challenge

"Which English word that you all know, has 'KST' in the middle, and at the end, and in the beginning?"

K

5

S

1

T

1

Solution

Which English word that you all know, has 'KST' in the middle, 'and' at the end, 'in' in the beginning?

INKSTAND



Challenge

Using a single straight line to
make the following sum equal
555.

$$5 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 555$$

Solution

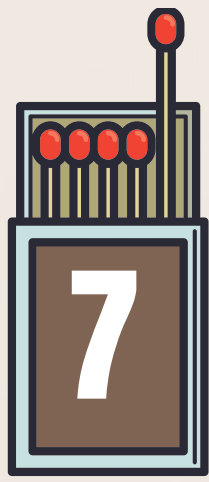
Use a single straight line to turn any of the + symbols into a 4 to make the sum equal 555.

Using ≠ does not count

$$5 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 555$$

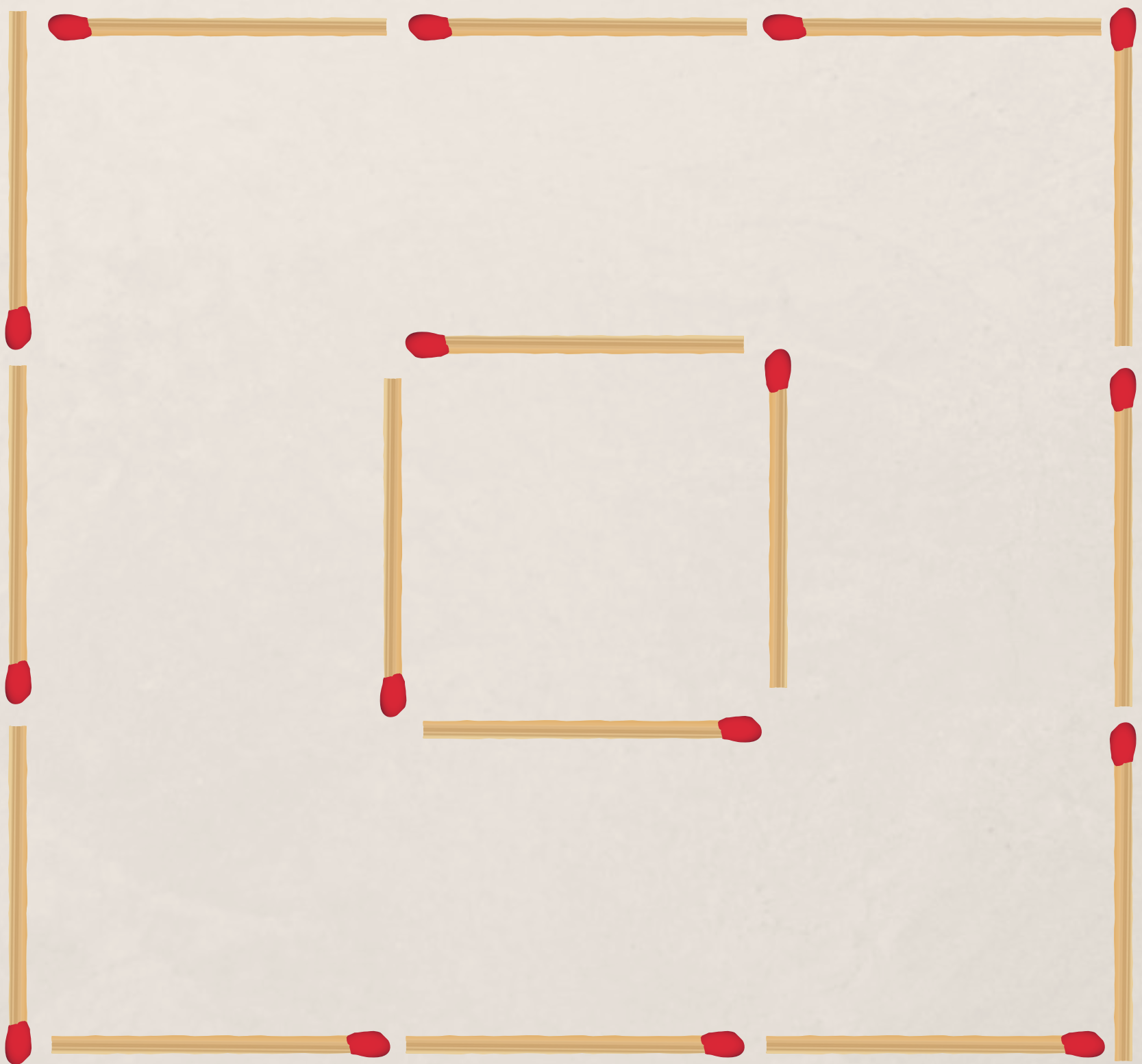


$$5 + 5 + 545 = 555$$

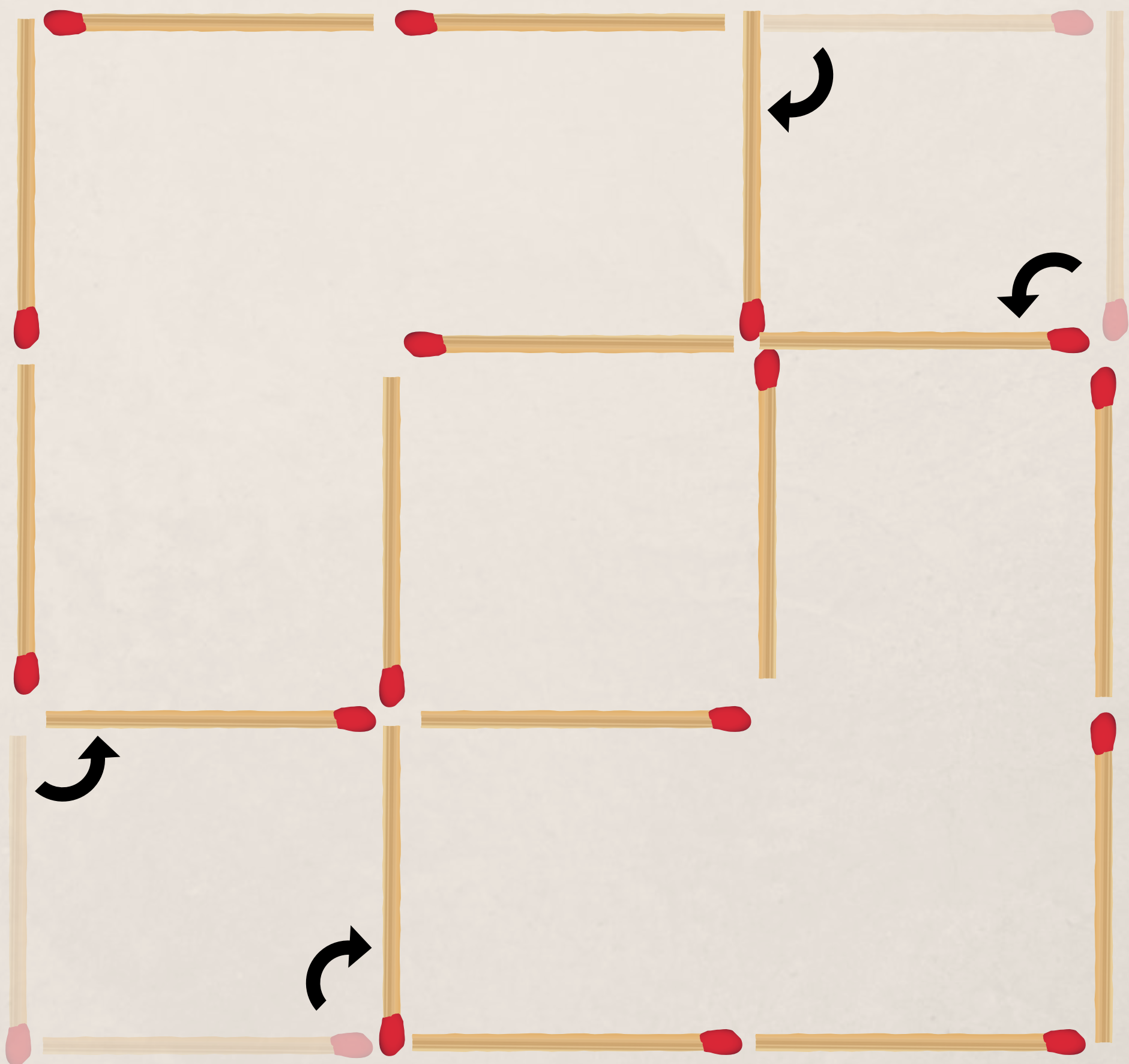


Challenge

Can you move four matches to form three squares?



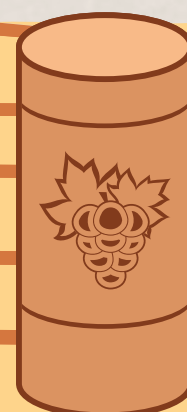
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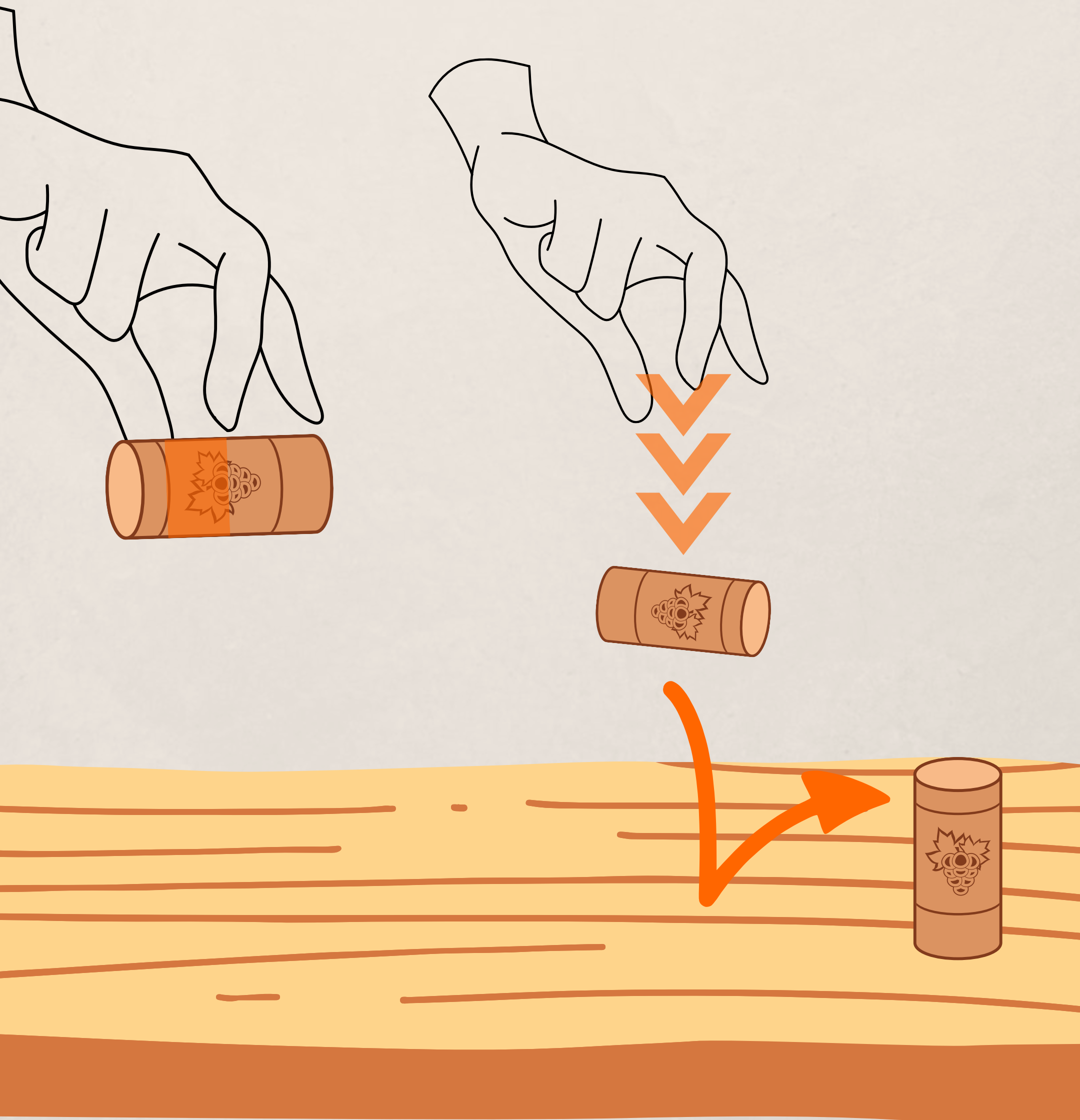
Challenge

Drop a wine cork from around 4 inches of height so that it lands on its end.



Solution

Grip the cork **horizontally** between your index finger and thumb & **just off centre** and drop it. The cork will simply bounce upright.





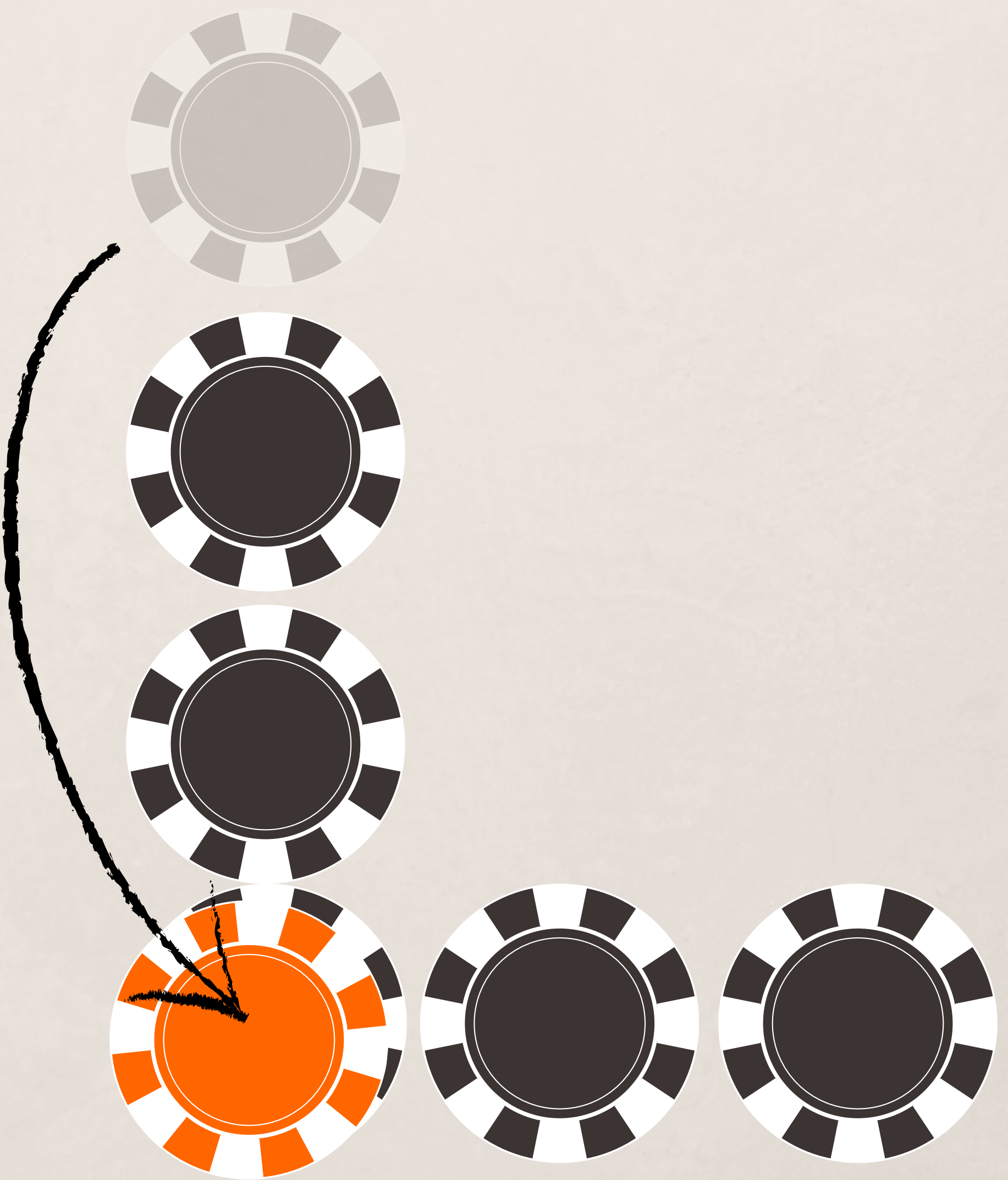
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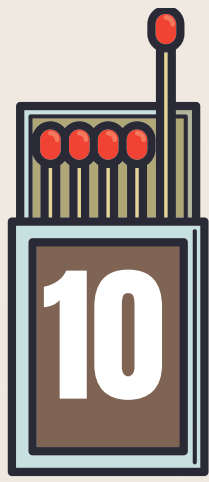
Move one counter to a different location to end up with 4 counters in each line.



Solution

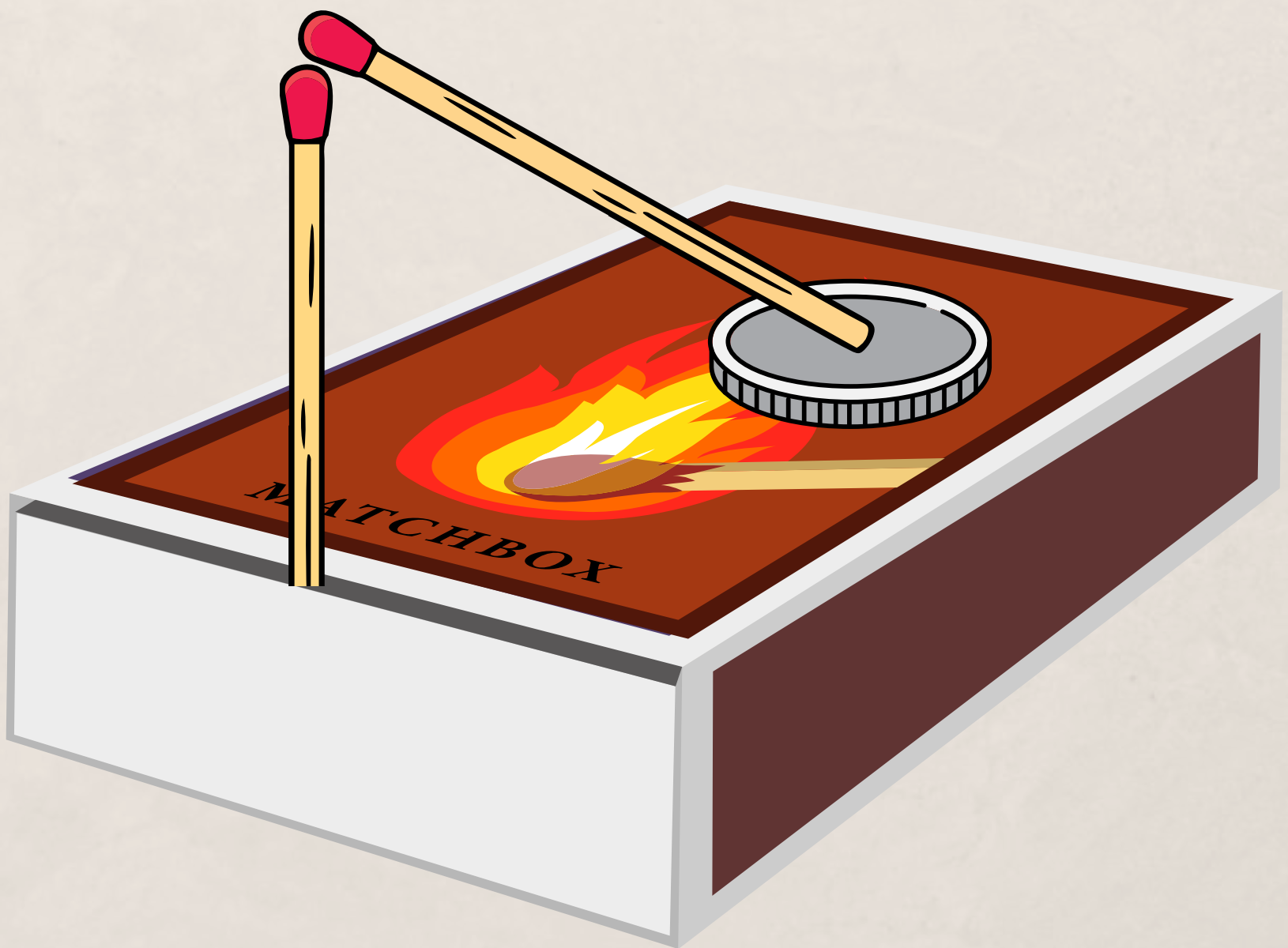
Simply stack one counter from the line of 4 on top of the counter in the corner





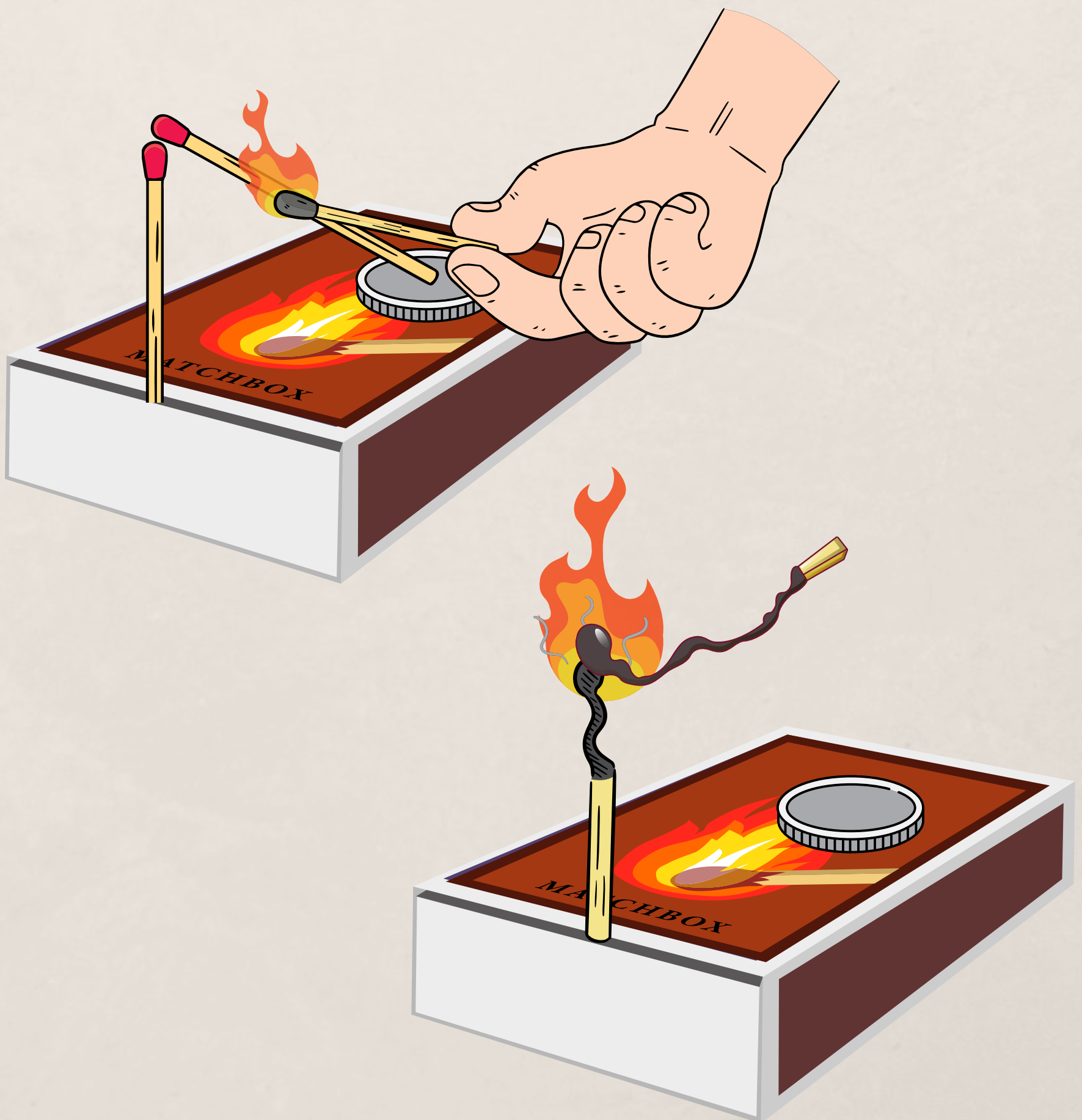
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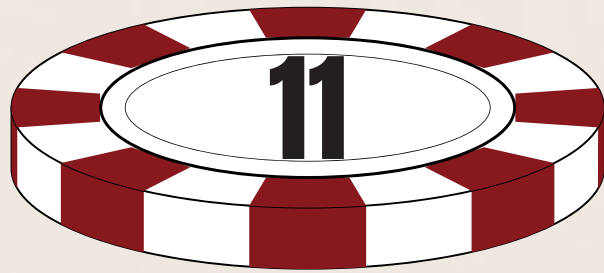
Remove the coin without the
balanced match falling.



Solution

Burn the balanced match just under halfway down. as the flame meets the wedged match, it will ignite, fuse both matches and curl upwards. You're now free to remove the coin.





Challenge

Get **coin A** in between **coin B** and **coin C**

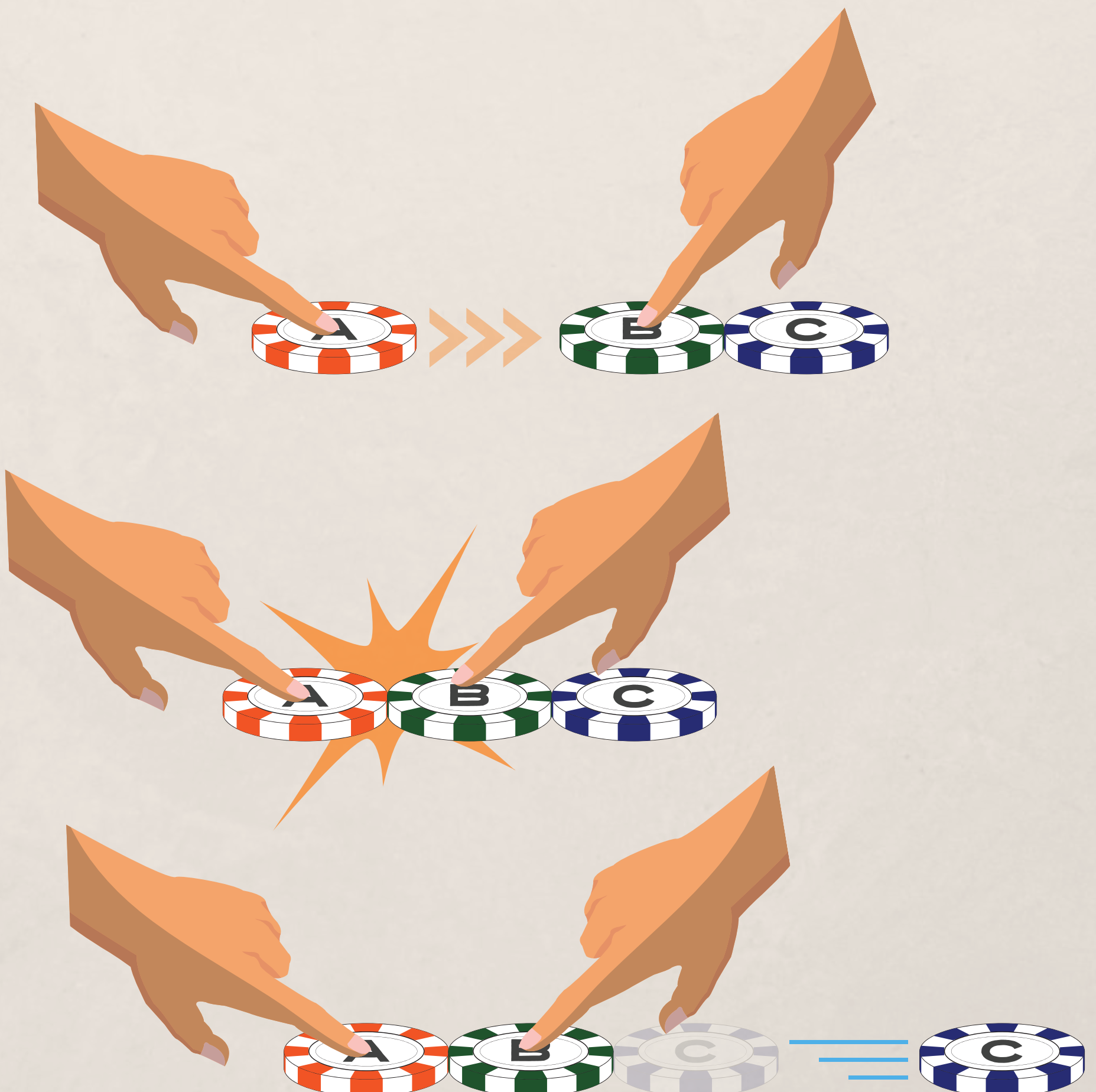


RULES:

1. You may **touch** and **move** A
2. You may **touch** but not **move** B
3. You may **move** but not **touch** C with anything,
(including the other coins)

Solution

Use **coin A** to give **coin B** a sharp tap whilst holding **coin B** in place with your other hand. This will cause **coin C** to slide along, leaving a space for you to move **coin A** into.





Challenge

Using a single line, make the
following sum equal work.
Using ≠ does not count

$$II + IV = IX$$

Solution

This challenge does not state that the line must be straight. Use a single line to place an 'S' before IX.

II + IV = IX



II + IV = SIX



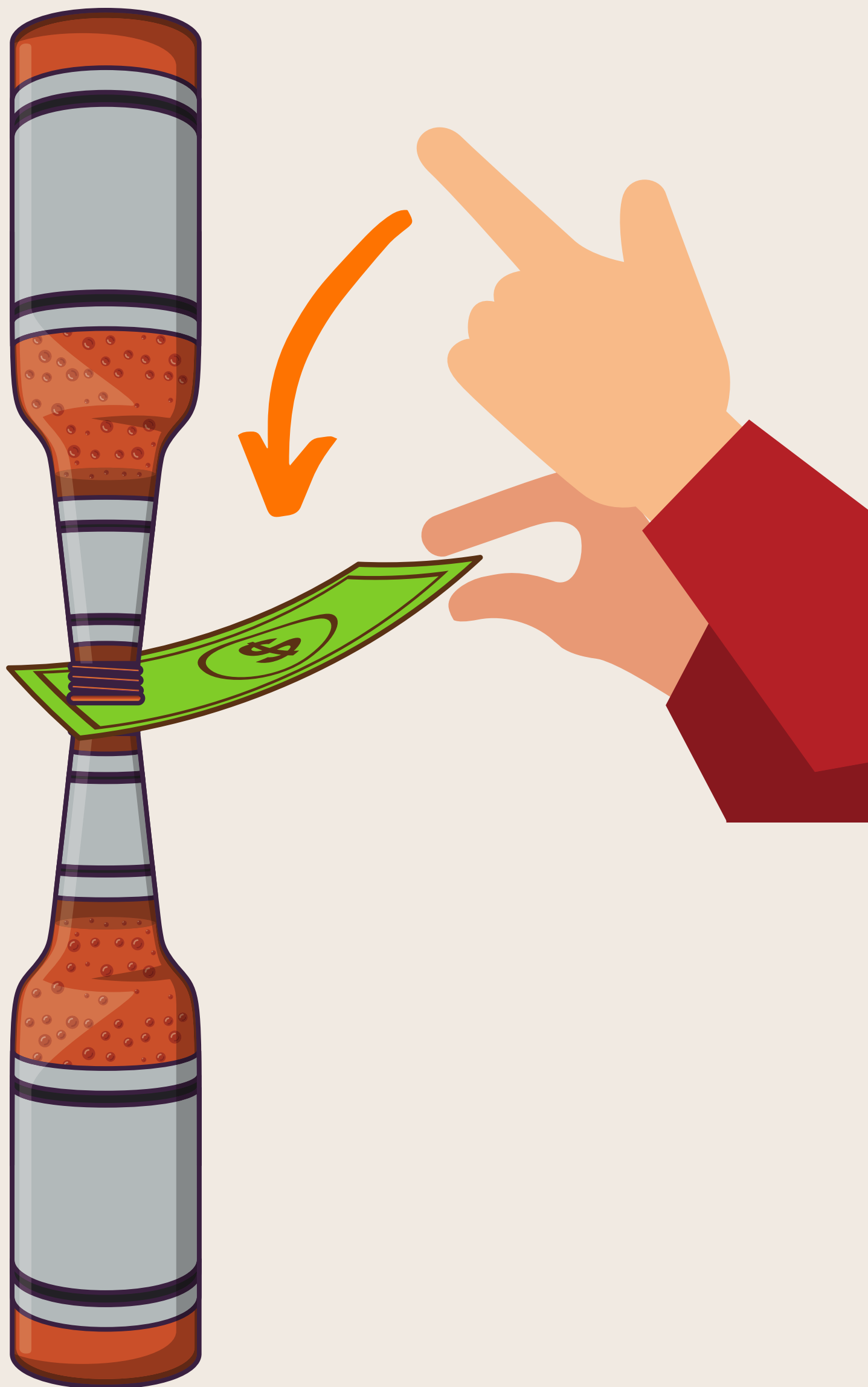
Challenge

Remove the note without the
balanced bottle falling.



Solution

Pinch the end of the note with one hand and with the other, use your index finger to 'karate-chop' the note free of the bottles





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