Color-Changing Deck

THE TRICK: The magician shows the players a deck of cards with the joker in front. He riffles the end of the pack with his thumb, so that the other players see only red cards. He then blows on the pack, and riffles it again. This time they see only black cards. He blows on the pack again, and riffles it once more. This time the cards are both red and black!

THE SECRET: The magician prepares the pack in advance, by separating the black cards from the red and then putting the deck together so that every odd card is black and every even card, red. The edges of the cards are not flush: the red cards protrude slightly at the top and the black cards protrude at the bottom. When the deck is first riffled, only the red cards show. Then, as the magician blows on the cards, he turns the pack around, so that only the black cards show when he riffles them. The last time he riffles the pack, he pushes all the cards together---this time exposing both colors. This trick demands dexterity and must be carefully practiced. When it is performed, the deck of cards must be held tightly.