

TOP SECRET

Operation WARS

Holly Blue spy kit

Cipher Slide

Make your own cipher slide just like the one Blue uses. Cut out both the Number Slide (the top rectangle) and the Alphabet Strip (the bottom rectangle). Cut along the two dotted lines at the ends of the Number Slide. Paste the Number Slide onto a piece of light card and cut along the slits again to go through the card.

Place the Alphabet strip on top of the Number Slide and feed the ends through the slits so that the letters are facing out. You should now have a Cipher Slide with numbers 1-26 at the top, letters A-Z below and 26 symbols at the bottom.

To use your Slide, line up the alphabet letter A on your strip with any of the numbers on the top of the slide. (Make sure you make a note of which number so you'll remember later.) Now look below and you'll see that each letter of the alphabet now corresponds with a particular symbol. Write your secret message on a piece of paper in the normal way, then code it by substituting a symbol from the bottom of the slide for each letter. Now destroy the original message. Your secret symbol message can be decoded by a friend using his own Cipher Slide, but only if you tell him the number you aligned to the letter A.

Invisible ink

When Holly Blue can't get hold of a convenient Invisibility Spell, she uses the next best thing — invisible ink. Invisible ink is fun to use and easy to make. Write with the ink on a piece of paper and when it dries out your message won't be visible. But bake the paper for a few moments in an oven (at a very low temperature) and the message comes up strong and clear.

To make your own invisible ink, all you need is a lemon. Carefully squeeze the juice and keep it in a tightly-stoppered bottle. The ink works even better if you add a little onion juice to it as well. Be sure to use a really clean pen or paint brush to write your messages.

Modified Morse

Send super secret messages using Modified Morse. Modified Morse is composed of dots and dashes just like ordinary Morse Code and you can use it exactly the same way. Just compose your secret messages using the table above and send them as written texts, flashing lights, or signal taps, the way Morse Code has always been used. But here's the good bit. Even sailors who know their Morse Code backwards won't be able to intercept your messages. Because Modified Morse is different to standard Morse Code, so only friends who've downloaded the table above will be able to decipher your messages!

A - ●●●	B -●-●	C -●●
D ●	E ●●-●	F --●
G ●●●●	H ●●	I ●---
J -●-	K ●-●●	L --
M -●	N ---	O ●--●
P --●-	Q ●-●	R ●●●
S -	T ●●-	U ●●●-
V ●--	W -●●-	X -●--
Y --●●	Z ● -	? ●-●-●-

You can produce a full stop by going ●●--●●.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
π	ο	ι	υ	ψ	τ	ρ	ε	ω	θ	α	Δ	δ	φ	γ	η	φ	Ω	λ	μ	«	β	Ϙ	χ	ξ	}



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Downloadable disguise

"The mirror showed a slim boy with close-cropped hair and open features. His clothes were homespun and entirely drab; a muddy green jacket inexpertly repaired and itchy brown breeches tucked into cracking, down-at-heel, leather boots. He might have been a factory worker or a badly paid apprentice. Holly Blue examined her reflection with some satisfaction. Real disguise was always much better than some erratic illusion spell that could be probed by counter-magic or fail completely when you least expected."

A good spy knows the importance of never being recognised.

To make yourself as unrecognisable as Holly Blue, print out these disguise files and colour them in. Carefully cut out the items using scissors, thread some twine through the marked dots, and then use any combination of beard, moustache and glasses to disguise yourself. See what else you can find too: you could borrow clothes (ask people first!), old pairs of spectacles, or perhaps wear a wig! Even your own family won't recognise you. Useful if, as in Holly's case, you are trying to avoid them...

