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Subject: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 11:57:17 GMT  
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Which way do you see this girl spinning? Most people see her spinning clockwise. If you look at it the right way, you can also see her spinning counter-clockwise.

Some people have trouble and need to look at it for a couple of minutes. Others have to look away for a moment to "reset" their brain before they can switch directions.

For me the trick was to watch the legs and foot where it crosses the other, and mentally force myself to realize it could be going the other direction...then I see her spinning counter-clockwise until I force myself to change perspective again. Looking at her feet and shadow helps too.

P.S. Yes, the sillouette has nipples, that's not where you are supposed to be looking

### File Attachments

1) [girlspin.gif](#), downloaded 1255 times



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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 12:05:25 GMT  
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\*stares\* where you get this?

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 12:14:24 GMT  
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I can see it. took about 20 seconds.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 12:30:14 GMT  
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I can't help but mentally brace myself for the hideous monster about to appear and scream at me.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [BoMbZu](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 13:29:29 GMT  
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WTF first i see it spin clockwise and I try to get myself see her spinning the other way when I managed to do that I cant make her go the first way again :S

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 13:33:06 GMT  
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this is so weird...

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Sir Kane](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 14:34:02 GMT  
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Blazer wrote on Wed, 27 June 2007 06:57P.S. Yes, the sillouette has nipples, that's not where you are supposed to be looking  
Question is: why were YOU looking there?

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl

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Posted by [ST3ALTH](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 14:36:37 GMT

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Worked here after 20 seconds.

I think this image was to make the girl go around after 20 seconds =o

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl

Posted by [Caveman](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 15:04:53 GMT

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:S I don't see it. When I first saw the picture and you said what way is see spinning I automatically thought anti-clockwise.

It doesn't look clockwise at all. :s

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl

Posted by [jnz](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 15:54:11 GMT

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Look at in the corner of your eye, it goes the other way instantly. Or look at the shadow, the only thing is, once it goes the other way, it wont go back. lol.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl

Posted by [ST3ALTH](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 17:54:51 GMT

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Try restarting your pc LOL!

A closer look makes me remind her of angelina jolie

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl

Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 19:06:18 GMT

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I have a sneaky suspicion that it does spin both ways but changes in time....I'm not 100% sure, but after about 2-3 minutes I did relise she was spinning counter clock wise. About the changing direction thing, I could easily check in photoshop.

well after looking at it in photoshop....I really have to say it may be that she flips her direction at

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some point, because looking at several areas and frames...the leg that's in the air is different sometimes, sometimes right and sometimes left. I dunno, but it looks very very odd, watching it now for several minutes it's like she switches back and forth.

EDIT: looking even even further frame by frame, I figured it out, she DOESNT spin at all! She does a 180 turn from left to right, then stops 1 frame and rewinds herself, she only travels 180 degrees and NEVER makes a 360 degree spin at all, that is why you sometimes feel she is not really spinning counter clockwise but clockwise, you trick your brain into continuing that she is in one direction, but really frame by frame shows the proof.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 19:28:12 GMT  
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^ lol blazer's lies

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 19:30:45 GMT  
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Heh no, the animation does not switch by itself. With a little practice you can change your perspective at will and see her spinning one direction and then the next whenever you want, although it does seem to be more difficult to switch "back" once you see the new direction

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [puddle\\_splasher](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 19:49:08 GMT  
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Both ways. I seen her counter-clockwise immediately. It is not hard to see both motions.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 19:53:06 GMT  
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I can only see her spin one direction!

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Zion](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 20:20:29 GMT  
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I see her spinning clockwise only. No matter how i move my eyes or mind she doesn't change direction.

Maybe it's because my subconscious and conscience are connected more than other peoples (i can see an focus on more than one thing at once)... Or due to my autism. It's boring looking at a silhouette spinning round and round and round and round and round \*fades\* and round and round and round.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [The 1337 Doitle](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 21:57:35 GMT  
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I can only see her going clockwise. Sure maybe if you look at only her foot but I'm afraid my eyes lack zoom capability. I can see her ponytail and breasts and tell which direction they are spinning in and thus her whole body is spinning the same way. Clockwise.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Dave Mason](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 23:05:48 GMT  
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If you look at her foot, she goes clockwise, if you look at the shadow of her foot, then her, she goes anti clockwise.

That's the way I see it anyway.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 23:20:20 GMT  
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counter-clockwise

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Ryu](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 00:01:50 GMT  
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For the first minute she was going clock wise, Then when I look away, And turn back, She's going counter-clock wise.. weird..

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 01:08:24 GMT

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Blazer wrote on Wed, 27 June 2007 15:30Heh no, the animation does not switch by itself. With a little practice you can change your perspective at will and see her spinning one direction and then the next whenever you want, although it does seem to be more difficult to switch "back" once you see the new direction

Well sorry to say, but the frames show that she goes left, half way, then turns right half way, then it repeats itself, look in the frames if you want to see for yourself, I looked at it for 5-10 minutes straight playing it through then looking at each frame (about 30 frames in this picture)

The reason you guys think she does a 360 degree turn is because she switches direction at a point where it is hard to see really what direction she is going.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Cpo64](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 01:45:14 GMT  
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I can only see counter clockwise, I can convince myself she is going the other way, but only for one half turn... then she switches back.

Edit: if I reduce the size of the image, It becomes much easier to see her going clockwise. o.O

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Renerage](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 05:15:50 GMT  
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Yea...

I cant see her going clockwise.

Only the one way, not matter how much I try, blazer ruined it by saying you can see her both ways, now my eyes and mind expect it, and dont let them trail off the image.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 11:39:10 GMT  
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I thought i'd be a real clever arse and post an image of it played backwards saying "I can see it just fine...". But even with the animation playing backwards I see the bitch going clockwise.

I literally went frame by frame for six frames going foward, thinking OK, she is deffinatly going clockwise. The I went through those same six frames backwards, and the bitch was still going clockwise.

What the hell is happenening to my brain?

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [PlayMp1](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 11:57:05 GMT  
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I can only see it spinning clockwise . Might as well focus on her nipples .

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 12:17:29 GMT  
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It took a bit of practise, but now I can make her turn the way I want it. Though by default, she'll go clockwise

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 12:52:19 GMT  
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Same as EWD here really. I tried to figure out what way she "really" turns in, if there is one, but I can't figure it out. I assume it depends on where you think the horizon is... If it would be below her feet, you would see her spinning CCW, but normally it would be CW. However due to the fact that she goes up and down as well, it is a bit more complex...

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 15:57:32 GMT  
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I have a feeling it has to do with the lightning.  
You can't really place it, and that's the reason you can't determine the way she turns, the reflection is plausible with both directions.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 17:33:25 GMT  
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She is 100% black, so you can't see what's in front and what is behind. You don't know whether she is facing you, or facing backwards. The perspective should give you a clue on which side she faces, however due to the up/down movement it is hard to determine that exactly.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [dead6re](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 18:28:06 GMT

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I'm screwed, I only get her going anti-clockwise.... Never seen a clockwise movement...

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 18:44:59 GMT

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The girl does half a turn one way, then half another.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 19:18:27 GMT

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RoShamBo wrote on Thu, 28 June 2007 14:44The girl does half a turn one way, then half another.

Frames 1 to 15 she does a 180 left, 16-30 she does a 160 right...never a 360 full spin, it plays so fast it is almost as if she does spin, playing it at 2 fps shows that she does this.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 20:27:40 GMT

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Wrong, she definitely turns 360 degrees, if you think she makes 180 degrees and then goes back, then explain to me how she switches lag instantly when you think she turns around?

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 20:45:26 GMT

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Just look both the shadow and the foot at the same time when she goes clockwise, her leg goes north-west to north-east and back again.

Yeah, definetly have it now,

- 1) starts with her foot down and her other foot north-west.
  - 2) her foot rases and her other foot spins to north-east.
  - 3) her foot lowers and her other foot spins to north-west.
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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 20:48:11 GMT

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I can see her going both ways now. But each time I see it, I can't possibly see how she goes anyother way. I cannot "make" her go either way, it just happens. Although it is easier to switch if I scroll so I can only see her feet.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Memphis](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 20:52:56 GMT  
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I was bored so I changed it from 0.003 to 1 second per frame so you can actually see what is going on.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 20:54:10 GMT  
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RoShamBo, reply to what I said... Which leg is in the middle, which is the moving one? If she makes 180 degree rotations, then it would mean the legs switch each time. However they don't, so she rotates.

Whether she rotates left or right really depends on which leg you think is the right leg, and which one is the left leg. Switch them, and she rotates in the opposite direction.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 21:10:04 GMT  
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It doesn't need to rotate because both legs are the same colour. You can't tell weather it has passed it or gone behind it. You'll see on the slow-mo that they both fit into each other perfectly.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 21:10:43 GMT  
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i think he means like a pendulum. That's at least how I have come to see it.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 21:15:50 GMT  
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Yes, but that is not correct. Look at the slowmotion picture, but keep in mind which leg is the right leg. If you say it's the moving leg, then notice how after the 180 degree turn, it becomes the left leg! Apparently, she rotates in complete circles, because then the legs will be the same. Whether it's the left or right leg that is in the middle or that is moving determines the direction in which she is rotating. If you think she rotates clockwise, the left leg is in the middle. Counterclockwise: the right is in the middle.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Fri, 29 Jun 2007 00:10:51 GMT  
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You all think she spins because she actually changes her direction and rewinds in a angle that makes it seem 360 degree roation has occurer/is occuring, but that is because it is black, you think first handed that she really is spinning ina full 360 degree circle.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 29 Jun 2007 00:25:30 GMT  
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^^ thats what i was saying.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Crusader](#) on Fri, 29 Jun 2007 00:51:02 GMT  
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Try as hard as I might, I just can't get it to turn clockwise!

EDIT: OMG! I just saw her tunr clockwise but only for like 8 seconds! This messes your mind!

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl  
Posted by [Tunaman](#) on Fri, 29 Jun 2007 01:53:20 GMT  
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its easier for me to see her turn counter-clockwise with the slow one

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl

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Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Fri, 29 Jun 2007 07:53:42 GMT

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AoBfrost wrote on Fri, 29 June 2007 02:10 You all think she spins because she actually changes her direction and rewinds in a angle that makes it seem 360 degree roation has occurer/is occuring, but that is because it is black, you think first handed that she really is spinning ina full 360 degree circle. RoShamBo wrote on Fri, 29 June 2007 02:25^^ thats what i was saying. Did you two even read what I said? Because that proves that what you are saying is wrong.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl

Posted by [Renegera](#) on Sat, 30 Jun 2007 05:44:43 GMT

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FINALLY I SEE IT

It's very simliar to when someone way ahead of you is walking in the dark-

You dont know if they are coming, or going away from you.

IF you know what I'm tryint to say.

It plays with your perceptives.

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Subject: WTF

Posted by [PlayMp1](#) on Mon, 02 Jul 2007 12:12:12 GMT

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I kept trying to see her spinning clockwise the way TC said it... Then I tried Reborn's method and I can't get her spinning cw again .

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Subject: WTF X 2

Posted by [PlayMp1](#) on Mon, 02 Jul 2007 12:24:33 GMT

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Ok, she is definitely \*not\* spinning 360. Look at the slow motion one, She goes around to 240 then she switches back to 90. No going from 240 to 360, just 240, skip, 90.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl

Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Mon, 02 Jul 2007 13:56:09 GMT

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lol, that would cause her to do some funny dance... She definitely does NOT do a 240 degree turn. She's turning 360 degrees, and can not change directions when she's turning, however you don't know which way she's turning into. She never changes direction, because that would mean the other leg would be in the middle.

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Subject: Re: OT: Optical Illusion - Spinning Girl

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Mon, 02 Jul 2007 15:46:52 GMT

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She definitely turns 360 degrees. It's just that she's a silhouette. You can't see any features, and you don't know if you're looking at her angled leg behind or in front of her standing leg. There's no depth, so it's impossible to tell a definite way in which she's going.

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