The Old Table Cloth Trick



1. Place some old dishes (you may want to begin with a single

plate) on a smooth tablecloth.

2. Grab both ends of the tablecloth and, without hesitation, pull

the tablecloth out from under the dishes as quickly as you can.

3. Did the dishes move? Why do you think the dishes remain

virtually motionless when the tablecloth was quickly pulled

out from under them?

4. Why was a smooth tablecloth used? What do you think would

happen if a rough material, for example, sandpaper, were

used?