

Magic Wand Collection

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Meerfus was not a great wizard. He was a wizard with a great magic wand collection though. He couldn't do a lot of spells, but he had wands that did everything he wanted.

He had a purple wand that did his household chores. He just had to shake it at the dishes, and they got washed. He could point it at the laundry, and it got folded and pressed. He could waggle it at the floors, and they got swept! He could use it two or three times a day to get the chores done.

He had a star-shaped wand with ribbons on it. That was probably his favorite. It cooked for him. If he wanted some juice, he'd shake it once. He could think about a steak and potatoes, and shake it twice, and there it was! Or, if he wanted some dessert, he'd shake it thrice, and chocolate lava cake with whipped cream would appear. It was way easier than cooking for himself, but he could only use that one once a week, usually on a Saturday or a Sunday.

A wand with a glowing tip like the sun was useful for heating things up. He could tap it on logs to make a fire in his fireplace. Swirling it above a cup or mug heated a drink. Dipping it into a tub full of water instantly made it a steaming bath. That one was good for several uses a day, too.

He had several other wands as well. A six-pointed star wand was good for outside work. If he shook it, swirls of magic would sweep across his yard, cutting grass, tidying leaves, and trimming hedges. It saved him lots of time, but he could only use it once a week.

Meerfus' wands helped him so he could search for more wands or find pieces to make more on his own. Magic wands were a lot of fun to make, but more fun to use. Meerfus enjoyed traveling around, finding rare stones, pieces of precious metals, and perfect lengths of wood from ornamental trees to use in making them. People came from all around to buy them from him. He wasn't the best wizard, but he was a great wand maker and collector.



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 - C. wands
 - D. amulets

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 - A. yard work
 - B. cooking
 - C. household chores
 - D. heats stuff up

3. Merfus' 6-pointed star wand does what?
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4. Which wand heats things up?
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