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[Best Visual Illusion of the Year Contest](#) - quite a collection. *The visual illusion community includes visual scientists, ophthalmologists, neurologists, and visual artists that use a variety of methods to help discover the neural underpinnings of visual illusory perception.* First place went to [The Leaning Tower Illusion](#), submitted by McGill University. *preen*

Via [FmH](#)

posted by [fish tick](#) at 03:13PM UTC [[trackback](#)] (12 comments total)

Don't look at this site if you're having migraine auras. That should be obvious, but I'm stupid.

posted by [Lara](#) at [04:20PM](#) UTC on May 23, 2007

Aura? Sorra, Lara!

posted by [fish tick](#) at [04:40PM](#) UTC on May 23, 2007

Cool... the brain certainly can be entertaining. I liked the fact that the winning illusion was also among the simplest.

posted by [kinnakeet](#) at [05:17PM](#) UTC on May 23, 2007

*imagines the illusions that *could* have been incorporated into pac man*

Fun post. I love stuff like this, and was not aware of the competition.

posted by [sugarmilktea](#) at [06:01PM](#) UTC on May 23, 2007

Not a circle.

NOT!

posted by [BlueHorse](#) at [07:21PM](#) UTC on May 23, 2007

Your FACE is IN a BOX!
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whoa.

posted by [TenaciousPettle](#) at [09:57PM](#) UTC on May 23, 2007

The percept is generated by attraction and repulsion of the circular envelope in the orientation domain by the sinusoidal carrier gratings.

No shit. Of course, this is nothing that can't be fixed by a neti pot.

posted by [HawthorneWingo](#) at [10:39PM](#) UTC on May 23, 2007

That first place picture has to be the worst "illusion" I ever seen. A tilted picture of a tower looks tilted? OMG! That's supposed to be an illusion?

posted by [Mr. Knickerbocker](#) at [06:53AM](#) UTC on May 24, 2007

Sorry about so much snark, I'm just really diappointed in many of these best illusions. I can't even find the illusion in some.

posted by [Mr. Knickerbocker](#) at [09:04AM](#) UTC on May 24, 2007

I guess you have to be a vision scientist in order to appreciate the leaning tower illusion. It is by far most novel of the ten. [The prizes](#) are pretty neat, too.

posted by [spede](#) at [10:46AM](#) UTC on May 24, 2007

I liked the simplicity of the leaning tower one- the two towers are leaning at the same degree, but do not appear to be parallel.

posted by [fish tick](#) at [01:19PM](#) UTC on May 24, 2007

Yeah! Go leaning towers of Pizza!

I'm just glad the top 10 didn't include the famous "Dogs Playing Poker" illusion. That one freaks me right the @#%! out

posted by [petebest](#) at [02:13PM](#) UTC on May 24, 2007

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