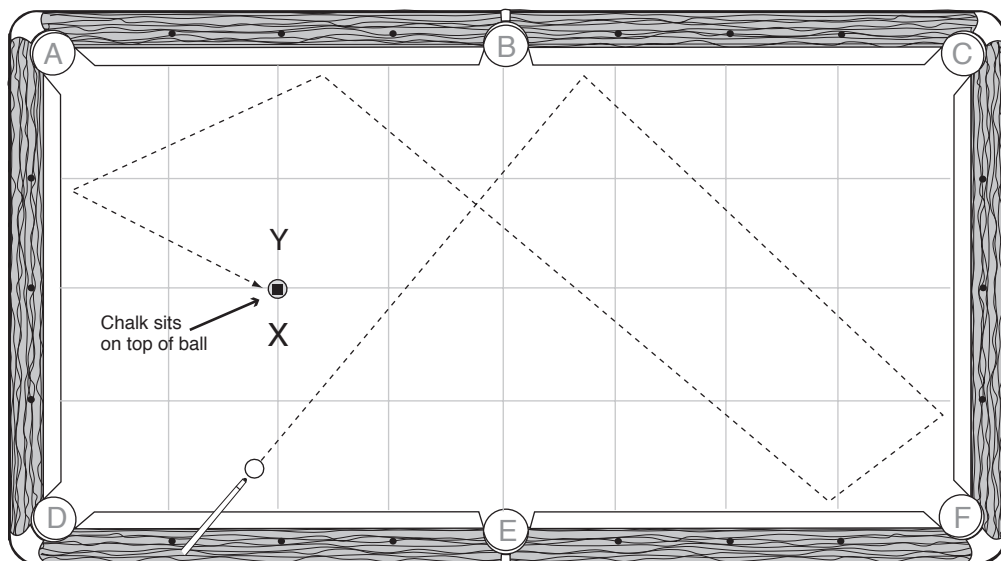
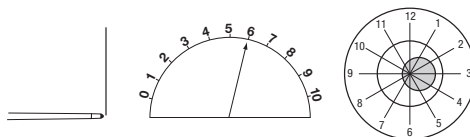


The Lucky Chalk Shot



SUR: 2.0
EXR: 5.0
MSR: 20%



This shot, like the one before it, seems to generate much excitement in Artistic Pool competitions. The spectators love to watch the cue ball's travels during which they will root enthusiastically for a successful result.

The object of this shot is to bank the cue ball five rails and have it touch the 1-ball placed on the spot so lightly that the chalk mounted on top of the ball does not fall off!! (Note the 5.0 and MSR:20% above.) This shot is probably about 30% skill and 70% luck. I've seen beginners make the shot in just a few tries, and I've witnessed pros shoot the shot ten or more times in a row without success.

The skill is in finding the right spot to hit the first rail. You must be able to adjust to the cushions. And, of course, speed is critical. Begin with a little less than a half tip of english and a medium hard stroke. If the cue ball travels to Side X of the 1-ball, apply the same english and aim to the right of my original spot. If the cue ball reverses too much off the last cushion and comes up short at Side Y, adjust by aiming at the same spot but this time use no english. If that doesn't work, aim a little to the right of your original spot and hit the cue ball a little below center. This will shorten up the cue ball's path so that it will strike high enough up on the fourth cushion.

This shot also can be played with a dime instead of the chalk on top of the 1-ball if you happen to be a masochist.