

16 *Mike's Famous Finger Pool*



I'm showing you these "shots", which have become known as Finger Pool, because I receive requests for them at almost all of my exhibitions. You don't even need a cue for Finger Pool. And you don't have to worry about cutting in balls or concern yourself with intricate set up procedures. You've simply got to flick your fingers just so, and the cue ball will curve in ways that will simply dazzle your fans. I swear to you that the diagrams you are about to study are completely accurate. It is possible to make the cue ball curve and dance as shown. You will, however, need to acquire expert technique.

Before you spend endless hours trying to perfect Finger Pool, I should warn you that my teaching you these shots is akin to Nolan Ryan instructing you on how to throw a 100MPH fastball. You were either born for this or you weren't. Since I make my living largely as an entertainer, I feel blessed that I have several advantages when it comes to Finger Pool. I am 6' 4" and have large and very strong hands and fingers, which I inherited from my father. My hands became even stronger when I worked as a brick and block mason for a few years before I started doing exhibitions. My hands allow me to flick the cue ball and impart tremendous spin with ease. My physical advantage is a lot like a basketball player who finds it easy to dunk because they are 6' 9" and can palm the basketball. In addition, I've been performing Finger Pool for over 30 years.