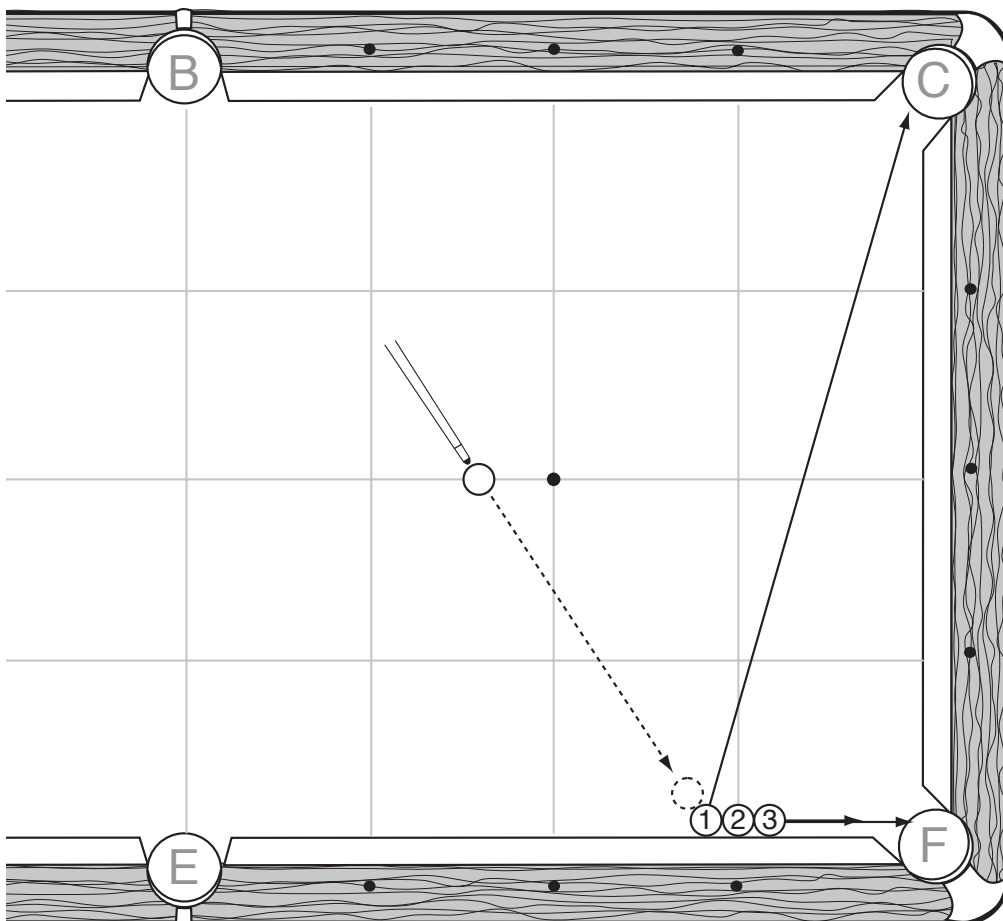
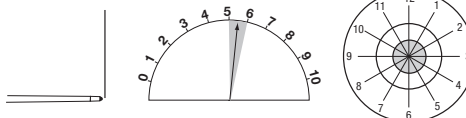


Gerni's ESPN 3 Ball Shot



SUR: 2.5 **ESPN**
EXR: 2.5
MSR: 80%



Paul Gerni challenged me with this shot on ESPN. The challenger has to shoot first, which can sometimes work to his opponent's favor. I happened to notice Paul's mistake and was able to make the appropriate adjustment, gaining some ground in the competition.

On most tables this is not a very difficult shot. I have, however, tried it on tables where it was tough to make. It all depends on the cushions. The 1, 2, and 3-balls are frozen to each other and to the side rail as shown. Place the cue ball about five inches above the spot as diagrammed. Use center ball and aim for a full hit on the 1-ball. The 1-ball banks into Pocket C while the 2-ball and 3-ball go into Pocket F. Use a medium to medium hard stroke. From the shooter's perspective, if the 1-ball misses to the right, move the cue ball to the left. And if the 1-ball misses to the left, move the cue ball to the left.