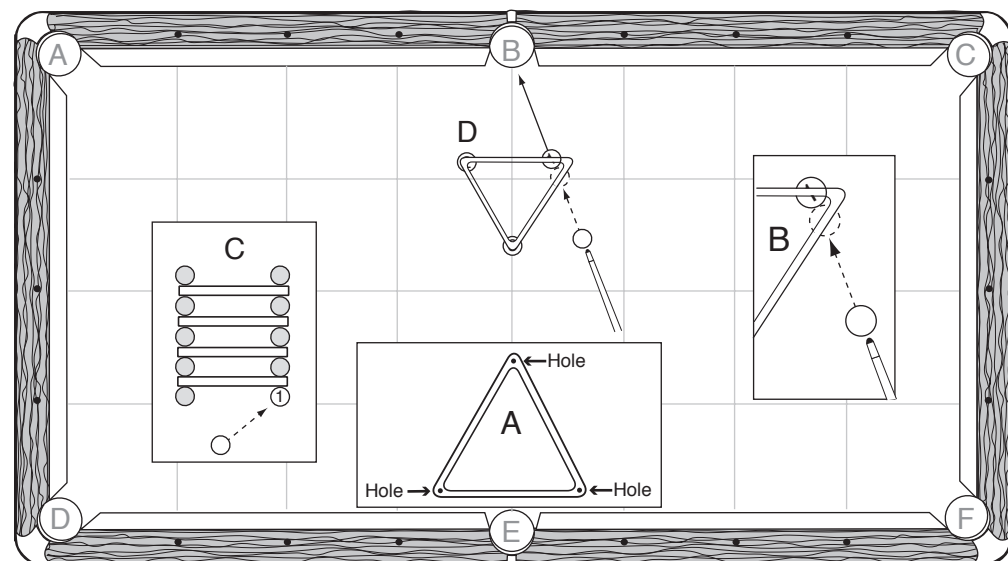
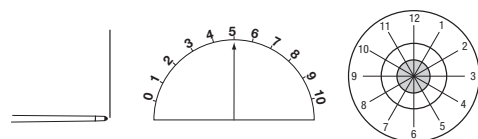


## The Skyscraper Stop Shot



SUR: 2.5  
EXR: 2.0  
MSR: 98%



Four wooden racks are required for this shot plus all 15 balls and the cue ball. You will need to make a small indentation on all three corners (See Inset A) and on both sides of all four racks. Use a one eighth inch drill bit. All you want is an indentation that is deep enough so that the balls will stay in place.

Tap the bottom three balls into the cloth just a little. Place the 1-ball as shown in Inset B. Carefully stack the rest of the balls and racks as shown in Inset C. The location for the shot is Position D. Now place the cue ball where shown and shoot the 1-ball straight into the side pocket. Use a medium stroke and hit the cue ball in the dead center. The balls and racks will barely move, if at all, when the shot is executed properly.



### A Slight Miscalculation

My good friend, great trick shot artist and entertainer Bogdan Wolkowski and I gave an exhibition in Poland. Bogdan decided to do the Skyscraper Shot with 30 racks and 93 balls! Now that's about 14-foot tall structure, not counting the table. While he was setting up the shot I gave a 30-minute interview. He had to be very careful as you might have imagined or the whole thing could have easily collapsed during construction.

When Bogdan got ready to shoot, he didn't want me to feel left out of the glorious finale to our show. He decided we would both shoot at the same time and dislodge and replace two balls simultaneously. To do this the balls under the rack have to be positioned just right. While we trying to move the 2-ball into position our building collapsed and we barely escaped without being pummeled by falling pool balls and racks. The place was packed with spectators and I believe our blooper earned us a bigger ovation than any of our previous shots!

About 30 minutes later after Bogdan set up the shot again he made it alone and we all celebrated.