

Bladerunner

Keep the putter blade square and you'll nail more short putts, says **Phil Kenyon**

PERFECT YOUR POSTURE

Straight back, eyes over ball
Set up to the ball by bending forward from the hips with a little knee flex, so that your eyes are directly over the ball. The top of your back should be parallel to the ground. Now you're in the ideal position to take the putter back and through on a straight line.



Eyes down
If you draw a line from your eyes down to the ball, it should be straight.

CROSSING THE LINE

Don't swing across the line
With the ideal posture, you should be able to rock your shoulders so the putter goes back and through on a straight path to the hole. Avoid cutting across the target line: even if the putter returns square to the target, the direction of your stroke will place sidespin on the ball, causing it to veer offline as it rolls towards the hole.

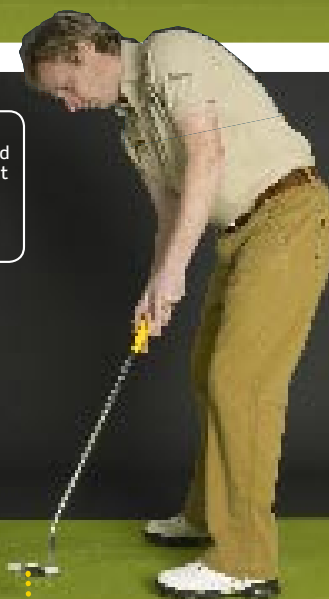


Head lifts up
A squared-up putter won't help if you cut across the line, causing sidespin.

STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW

Strike your putts square on
You need to be accurate if you want to succeed in any target sport, and the easiest way to hit that target is to fire straight at it. That's no different in golf. The simplest strokes are those where the putter tracks on a perfectly straight path back and through. With the perfect posture, and using your shoulders to lead the stroke, you will achieve that all-important, pure 'in-line' motion.

Head down
Keep your head down and don't look up until you hear the putt drop.



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