

# Holing out

**SHORT  
GAME  
EXTRA**

Keep the putter square to the target to hole more putts, says **Phil Kenyon**

## RIGHT ANGLE DRILL

**Square the blade to the target**  
Using four tees, peg an A4 sheet of paper on to the putting green, so it is at right-angles to the target line. Now set up with your putter lined up against the edge of the paper, square to the target line. This will train you to get your putter square at address.



**Mark a cross**  
Use a marker pen to draw a cross on your ball and use this to line up easily

## STRIKE IT SQUARE

**Straight back, straight through**  
Getting the correct alignment at address is just the first step to accurate putting. Now you must ensure you hit the putt with your putter blade square to the target. Imagine you are following a straight line back and through, and let the putter trace this path. The blade will stay square to the hole.



**Draw a line**  
Trace a straight line on the green using chalk and follow this path.



## USE THE CORRECT GRIP

**Hold the putter in your lifeline**  
Gripping the putter correctly will help you to keep the blade square through impact. Hold the putter in your left hand and lay the grip along the lifeline of your palm. Now apply the right hand in a similar fashion. By gripping in the fleshy part of the hand, the blade will remain square to the target if your wrists break down. If they break down when it's held in the fingers, the blade will close.

**Grip softly**  
Keep your grip pressure soft to improve your touch and feel for the putt.



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