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## MAKE THE PUTT



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## Groove a Silky-Smooth Move

*Point your grip at your torso for on-target putts that find the bottom of the hole*

**O**ne of the biggest mistakes that everyday players make when rolling putts is that they try to keep the putterface dead square to the target line from address through impact. Sure, this seems like the easiest way to get the ball started in the direction you intend, but it's actually very difficult to do. It also negates your ability to trace a smooth arc with your stroke, which is universally accepted as the ideal way to move the putterhead.

Instead of focusing so much on the putterface, focus on the butt of the grip. Here's where you can really do your stroke some good. Set up to the ball and note where the grip points on your torso. [For most, it will be a spot just left of the center of your chest, near the bottom of your rib cage.] As you swing your putter back and through, keep the butt of the grip pointing at this spot to establish a fulcrum for your stroke. Maintaining this fixed point

lets your putter move like a pendulum, which will give you a consistent tempo and strike pattern. The putterface will open a bit on your backstroke, but don't sweat it—if you maintain your fulcrum, the face will automatically return to square at impact.

The reward? Smooth, on-target putts. It's a lesson in getting more from your stroke by doing less.



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**Fulcrum established.**

**Fulcrum moved.**

**Fulcrum maintained.**

**No!**

**Yes!**



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