

Croquet : Skill Development Steps

Listed below are the skills you may like to practise in rough order of development.

As you become confident in any particular skill, take a look at the next couple of steps.

Ask someone to show you what they involve, and get practising!

NB.... There is no set timescale. There is no need to complete all steps.

This list is to help you identify the next skill you might want to tackle.

Step

1	Hitting the ball accurately..... To reliably hit another ball 4 feet away (then extend)
2	Run the hoop from approximately 12"..... From in front of the hoop and from an angle.
3	Short Hoop approaches..... Using "Drive" and "Take-off" shots to get in front of the hoop. (eg from three feet)
4	Extend hoop running length..... Try running the hoop from 2 and then 3 feet away.
5	"Round the clock" hoop approach practice..... Approach hoop from all angles. (four feet away and then longer)
6	Long, accurate "thin" take-off shots..... Try to get within 2 or 3 feet of a target ball.
7	Half-Roll shots, full-roll shots, 3/4-rolls..... To control both balls when using a croquet shot.
8	Stop Shots..... To reduce your ball's roll on a croquet stroke.
9	Rush shots (short)..... Using straight and "cut" rushes. (For example to improve the position of a pioneer ball).
10	Combine everything so far for the 4 ball break routine
11	Extend "Hitting-In" length..... Hit another ball from 3 yards, 5 yards etc.....
12	Split-Croquet shot..... Initially to position both balls around the hoop.... Then extend for mid lawn positions.
13	"Thick" take-off shots..... To improve the position of the other ball when using a take-off shot
14	Long roll-shot accuracy..... To attempt at hoop approach or mid lawn position (eg. from 3 yards and upwards)
15	Long rush shots..... Rush a ball to a hoop on the other side / end of the lawn
16	Controlled hoop running..... Keeping position after running a hoop
17	Combine everything so far for the 3 ball break routine

These skills should keep you occupied for some time!!

There are more skills involving tactics etc. that aren't listed here..... Years of fun!??