

Chipping to a Spot

One of the best ways to improve your chipping performance is by using the 'spot chipping' technique from around the greens. With this technique, you are going to focus less on the hole itself and more on a spot that you pick out on the green as your target. The spot you select will be based on the bounce and roll you expect after the ball has landed. If you pick the right spot – and then hit that spot – you will see your ball bounce and roll right up next to the cup.

To practice this method of chipping, head to the short game practice area of your local course and find a hole to use as your target. Pick out a landing spot that you feel will be appropriate for the shot and lay a small golf towel down on the green over that spot. From there, the drill is simple – hit some chip shots while trying to land your ball on the towel. Having a physical object on the green will make it easier to see what you are trying to accomplish with your swing, and you will probably have more success as a result. After a period of practice, take the towel away and hit a few more chips while picturing the target in your mind.

