

Improve your skills with a few minutes a day

1,000 touches a day

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These will improve your foot skills and make you a more complete player. The foot work activity is designed to give you about 1,000 touches in seven minutes, and I know that everyone can find seven minutes a day to work on their soccer skills. The full workout takes about ½ hour. This workout can be done anywhere that there is little danger of breaking things, for instance in a basement, playroom or outside.

SEVEN MINUTE DRILL

2 Rolls (4 each foot)

- 1) Inside Roll
- 2) Outside roll

3 Foundation (4 each foot, alternating feet 3 touches between moves)

- 1) Side to Side Push-Pull
- 2) Side to Side Step-On
- 3) Side to Side Front Roll

4 Pull back and go. Do sequence with one foot then switch (4 times each foot)

- 1) Pull, Instep Push
- 2) Pull a Vee
- 3) Pull & Take with Outside of foot
- 4) Pull & Roll Behind

5 Turns: Travel 10 feet turn 180 degrees use 3 touches between turns (4 times each foot)

- 1) Pull Turn
- 2) Inside of foot turn
- 3) Outside of foot turn
- 4) Cruyff
- 5) Stepover Turn

6 Change of direction with fakes, 3 touches between turns (4 times each foot)

- 1) Hip Swivel
- 2) Mathews
- 3) Cap
- 4) Stepover
- 5) Scissors
- 6) Rivolino

Spend another ten minutes passing against a wall, both feet, both one and two-touch, instep and inside of feet, include fake kicks. Keep feet moving and work on accuracy.

Spend ten minutes juggling the ball, try to increase the number of consecutive juggles by one each day.

Description of moves

FAST FOOTWORK

1 Inside Roll -- Roll the ball across your body from outside to inside with the inside and sole of the foot and stop the ball with the inside of the other foot.

2 Outside Roll -- Roll the ball across your body from inside to outside with the outside and sole of the foot and stop the ball with the inside of the same foot.

3 Side to Side Push-Pull -- Tap ball back and forth with inside of feet, push ball forward with one foot and pull it back the sole of the opposite foot.

4 Side to Side Step-On -- Roll ball to outside with the sole by stepping lightly on the ball, then tap ball back to the inside with the inside of the foot.

5 Side to Side Front Roll -- Tap ball back and forth with inside of feet, push ball slightly forward then pull the ball across your body with the front part of the sole.

6 Pull Instep Push -- Push ball forward and pull it back with the sole, then tap ball forward with the instep of the same foot.

7 Pull a Vee -- Push the ball forward and pull it back the sole of the foot while turning and then take the ball with the inside of the same foot.

8 Pull & Take with Outside of foot -- Push the ball forward and pull the ball back with the sole then push the ball diagonally forward with the outside of the foot.

9 Pull & Roll Behind -- Push the ball forward and pull the ball back with the sole of the foot then pass the ball behind the standing leg with the inside of the foot. Control the ball with the sole of the other foot. feet.

10 Pull turn -- Push ball forward with one foot and pull it back with the other while turning toward ball and take the ball in the opposite direction with the inside of the first foot.

11 Inside of foot turn -- Push ball forward, move past ball and turn toward ball and take it with the inside of the foot in the opposite direction.

12 Outside of foot turn -- Push ball forward, move past ball and turn toward ball while taking it with the outside of the foot in the opposite direction.

13 Cruyff -- Push the ball forward, fake kick with inside of foot, but instead pull ball behind the standing leg and change directions.

14 Steptover Turn -- Push ball forward, step over ball with one foot, turn toward ball and take it in the opposite direction.

1 2

3 4

The ball is in the middle of this imaginary square. The numbers are for feet positions, so think of the square (I know it looks like a rectangle) as having sides about shoulder width apart. The feet are in positions 3 (lf) and 4(rf). Ball is in middle area. RF steps over the ball to position 1. Player pivots on right foot toward position 2. Left foot lands on

position 2. Player is now standing on 1 (rf) and 2(lf), facing 3 and 4. After they have this part figured out, have them carry the ball away with the left foot instead of stopping on position 2.

15 Full Sole Roll -- Roll the sole of one foot forward over the ball and to the outside so the ball stops against your heel. Turn and take the ball with the sole of the other foot with a Step-On.

16 Scissors -- Starting with the ball to one side, step over or in front of ball so that the ball ends up on the other side of you. Take the ball in the opposite direction with the outside of the other foot and then stop ball with the sole of the first foot.

17 360 -- Push ball forward, stop it with the sole of one foot while stepping past it, turn and drag ball back with sole of other foot, continue turning all the way around and take the ball with the inside of the first foot.

18 Kick Over ball -- Kick over ball with inside of foot then pull it back with the sole of the same foot.

19) Foundation (Bell)

Step up and down to pass ball 4-6 inches between feet. Ball is passed between the feet with very soft, light touches. Be sure weight is forward on balls of feet. With each step you should be coming down on your toes first; then your heels.

Knees stay bent at all times.

Move the ball forward and backward.

Be sure you are stepping up and down; not sideways.

Work at getting a comfortable rhythm.

MOVES TO BEAT AN OPPONENT

1 Hip Swivel -- Fake with inside of one foot by swivelling hips toward ball, then reverse direction and take the ball with the inside of the other foot.

2 Mathews -- Fake with inside of foot nudging ball by dipping shoulder, then take ball in the opposite direction with the outside of same foot. (explode)

3 Cap -- Cut ball with inside of foot slightly backward and take ball ahead with the inside of the opposite foot.

4 Stepmover -- With ball moving, step over ball so ball is outside of stepover foot, turn and take the ball with the other foot.

5 Scissors over ball -- Step behind ball as if preparing to take it with the outside of one foot, then step over the ball and take it with the outside of the other foot.

6 Rivolino -- Same as stepover, but take the ball with outside of stepover foot.

7 Vee -- Fake pass with instep (across body), pull ball back with sole and take in opposite direction with the inside of the same foot.

8 Cruyff -- Fake kick with inside of foot, but instead pull ball behind the standing leg and change directions.

9 Inside of foot cut -- Cut the ball across body with inside of foot while simultaneously stepping over it and take with outside of opposite foot.

10 3/4 Inside of foot turn -- Cut ball back with inside of foot, continue turning 3/4 of the way around and take the ball with the inside of the same foot

11 3/4 Outside of foot turn -- Cut ball back with outside of foot, continue turning 3/4 of the way around and take the ball with the outside of the same foot

12 Scissors behind ball -- Step behind ball as if preparing to take it with outside of one foot, fake, then take it with the outside of the opposite foot. (easy to learn)

13 Scissors in front of ball -- Step behind ball as if preparing to take it with outside of one foot, then step around front of ball and take it with outside of the other foot.

14 Double Scissors -- Push ball forward, make alternate scissors steps and take with outside of first foot. (ineffective close to opponent)

15 Reverse Mathews -- Fake with outside of one foot, step behind and take with outside of opposite foot. (also called body swerve or Touch 'n go)

16 Steptover - Scissors -- Ball rolling. Steptover followed by scissors with same foot and take with outside of other foot.

17 Front Roll -- While moving forward, pull ball across body with sole and take with outside of opposite foot.

18 Scotch -- With ball moving, step over and ahead of ball; tap the ball forward with the opposite foot behind the steptover foot. Explode.