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# Picture perfect

He makes it look so easy: Simple and effective mechanics make Stephen Curry the most dangerous shooter in the NBA

#### Quick gather

Curry doesn't waste any time making his shot. His shooting process is so compact and consistent that he is able to release the ball almost instantaneously.



#### Elbow in

By keeping his elbow in, Curry is able to maintain the most control over the ball and aim accurately –

aligning in a straight line toward the basket.

## High arc

By shooting with a high arc, Curry improves the angle of the ball's path as it approaches the rim and, in effect, makes the rim bigger.

# Release point

Curry releases the ball on the way up. Since he isn't releasing from the apex of his jump, his outside shot is incredibly difficult to block.

#### Soft touch

Curry gets excellent rotation on his shot. If the ball has a lot of backspin, it has a better chance of landing more softly on the rim and falling in.

### Jump shot?

Curry only elevates a few inches when he shoots.
Minimizing the jump means there is less that can go wrong and contributes to consistency.
Even when Curry is tired, he still can maintain his form.

