

35 common badminton shots grouped by type



Overhead Shots

- Clear (Lob) – Hit high and deep to the opponent's backcourt.
- Attacking Clear – Faster clear used to pressure the opponent.
- Drop Shot – Soft shot landing just over the net.
- Fast Drop – Faster version of a drop shot.
- Slow Drop – Very soft drop close to the net.
- Smash – Powerful downward attacking shot.
- Jump Smash – Smash performed while jumping.
- Stick Smash – A quicker, less powerful smash used for deception.
- Half Smash – Between a smash and a drop shot.
- Slice Drop – Drop shot hit with a slicing action.



Net Shots

- Net Shot – Gentle shot that just crosses the net.
- Net Kill – Quick downward shot at the net to finish the rally.
- Net Lift – Lift from the net to the opponent's backcourt.
- Net Push – Push the shuttle to midcourt.
- Net Tap – Light tap over the net.
- Net Spin / Tumbling Net Shot – Shuttle spins tightly over the net.



Defensive Shots

- Block – Softly block a smash to the net.
- Drive Defence – Fast flat return against a smash.
- Lift Defence – High defensive return to the backcourt.
- Drive Return – Fast horizontal return shot.



Drive Shots (Flat Shots)

- Forehand Drive – Flat and fast shot on forehand side.
- Backhand Drive – Flat shot on backhand side.
- Cross-court Drive – Drive hit diagonally.
- Drive Push – Quick push shot with a drive motion.



Special / Advanced Shots

- Cross-court Drop – Drop shot played diagonally.
- Cross-court Smash – Smash directed diagonally.
- Reverse Slice – Deceptive sliced shot.
- Around-the-Head Shot – Forehand shot played from backhand corner.
- Backhand Clear – Clear played with backhand.
- Backhand Drop – Drop shot played with backhand.
- Backhand Smash – Smash played with backhand.
- Deceptive Drop – Looks like smash but becomes drop.
- Body Smash – Smash aimed at opponent's body.
- Push Shot – Gentle push to midcourt or front court.
- Flick Shot – Quick flick of the wrist to surprise opponent.