



Story & drawing by Mike Hawk

With the skiing and boarding season coming up so quickly, there is no way to avoid it- Mike Hawk is getting excited.

Whether Mike Hawk is on skis or a snowboard, there's nothing Mike Hawk likes better than riding boxes. But let's face it, in this day-in-age, riding boxes is not the safest thing in the world, so Mike Hawk is going to give you step by step instructions on how to ride a box.

#### Step One: Protection

Now the first thing Mike Hawk does when preparing to ride boxes is to put on a helmet. Mike Hawk never rides boxes without putting a helmet on his head. Mike Hawk has a big head, so it took him some time to find a helmet that fit him properly. If Mike Hawk wore a helmet that was too big or too small, it wouldn't properly protect Mike Hawk; when Mike Hawk is safe,

Mike Hawk is happy.

If Mike Hawk approaches the box and notices some unusual bumps on the surface, Mike Hawk does not go ahead with the plan of riding the box.

#### Step Two: Balance and Speed

When approaching a box, Mike Hawk makes sure that he's properly balanced and that Mike Hawk isn't going too fast or too slowly.

Now Mike Hawk realizes that if he rides the box too quickly, it might not even seem like Mike Hawk was riding a box. If Mike Hawk is too slow in his approach, Mike Hawk might hit his head against the front of the box, or even worse; Mike Hawk might not be able to get up on the box at all. Mike Hawk has found a good steady speed is the best way to enjoy riding a box.

Mike Hawk always points his stick directly at the box, and remembers to Mike Hawk's tip up.

#### Step Three: Riding the Box

Now once Mike Hawk is riding the box, Mike Hawk thinks about nothing but the box. If Mike Hawk's attention is taken off of the box, Mike Hawk might crash or fall down.

#### Step Four: The Climax

Now once Mike Hawk is done riding the box, it is important to be modest. Nobody wants to hear about Mike Hawk riding a box, even if Mike Hawk rode the box to perfection all day long.

#### Step Five: Relax

After a day of riding boxes, nothing is more satisfying for Mike Hawk than some good old fashioned rest and relaxation.

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