

Let It Snow!

Getting Ready for Tryouts When You Can't Get Outside

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As we start 2018 and many are focused on school tryouts in March, very often the weather does not cooperate and the snow on the ground presents a significant obstacle to doing the proper amount of throwing so injuries don't occur during tryouts as most players go from throwing 1-2x/week to throwing 5 days in a row.

While Pennsylvania saw 5 feet of snow in one week, the Northeast is currently preparing for its' first snow of the year. **The question I frequently get asked: how can we get our throwing done if we can't get outside?**

Throwing, just like hitting, focuses on repetitive motion to improve timing. Hitters don't always hit live pitching/ in cages but spend significant time hitting off a tea in an enclosed space like the garage/basement. Pitchers can do the same.

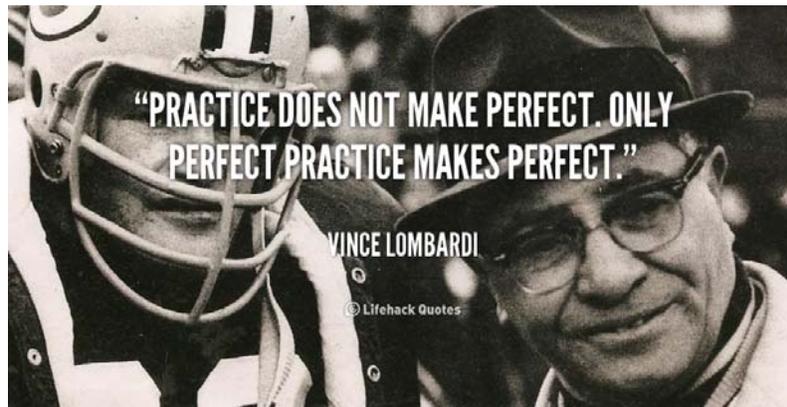
For closed-space throwing, you can do the 2-knee drill (click here to watch a newsletter on the drill). If you can get a simple net (they go for [an average of \\$99](#) but [as low as \\$50](#), or [a throw-back may work](#)) and 10 baseballs, can throw 5-10 feet into the net with the 2-knee drill.

If you're stuck inside, you can do the following program:

- **Jump rope for 2 minutes** (~300 jumps) to get a complete warm-up.
 - Make sure you're sweating before you start throwing!
- **Make 10 throws on 2 knees into the net** for 3-4 sets, giving a total of 30-40 throws
 - The first set at low intensity, the second set at medium intensity, the third/fourth sets at high intensity.
- **Jump rope for 2 minutes** to finish the workout.
- **Perform this 3x/week**, taking a day off between sessions and doing the medicine ball program on those days off as a form of active recovery.

REMEMBER!

Choose quality over quantity. It's not how many throws you make, it's how many throws you make correctly.



To learn more about the 2-knee drill as well as pitching mechanics/conditioning, you can subscribe to my video library ([click to here learn about the library](#)) by [clicking here](#).

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