

Riding With More Style

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Start With The Basics.

Try to implement all of these concepts into everything you do. Pick one or two concepts per session and really practice making these a habit. Before you know it, these small changes will take your riding to new levels. Best of all, when someone snaps a photo of you, odds are it's going to look stylish on every part of the trick.

Tip

- The more of these concepts you incorporate into your riding the more body awareness you'll develop in the air.
- These are small easy changes you can apply to any trick, you already know, that will make a big difference.
- Get out there and have some fun!

Concept One - Keep the kite Low

Send the kite like normal. After you pop pull down with your front hand.

Bring the kite to 11 or 1 o'clock. This will pull you up and forward making tricks look more powerful and stylish.

Tip

- It helps to keep your front hand further out from the centerlines. That way you will automatically pull down.

Concept Two - Tweak Everything Out

We mean everything! Bring one knee close to your chest and lock the other leg out as straight as you can. Even if you're just jumping or doing a basic roll, this small "Tweak" is going to instantly add a lot of style to your riding.

Tip

- Practice taking one hand off the bar on this step! You'll automatically keep the kite lower and it will help you progress into backhand grabs.

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Concept Three - Off Axis Rotations

Even if you know how to do an inverted back roll or front roll dialing it back to an off axis spin with a tweak is going to really change up your style. Grabs will be easier and best of all these always feel safe even in bad conditions. You can really get your muscle memory dialed for rotations and practice different transitions with these. Weather its a 360 spin or a tweaked off axis back roll.

Tip

- Practice transitions, while doing a tweaked off axis spin. It's always good to have a variety of transitions to mix up your style. Keep the kite low and add a down loop to toe-side to really add style.

Concept Four - Add Grabs

The best way to start introducing grabs is to start with the most natural feeling ones and Ideally back hand grabs at first. We really want you to get in the habit of keeping pressure on your front hand to keep the kite a little lower on your jumps.

Experiment with your axis, what leg your tweaking and what grab you are going for. Some grabs are easier when you poke one leg and lock the other. Also shifting your axis of rotation is going to change how a grab looks pretty dramatically.

A Roast beef grabs is pretty basic, Pair it with an off axis back roll and it becomes a whole new animal. The Mute grab is the most basic grab their is. Turn your back to your direction of travel and poking one leg out makes it look exciting and feel way more satisfying in the air.

Tip

- Pick one or two basic back hand grabs to practice. Pair these with any other concepts in this blog and it's going to look really good.
- Don't feel like you have to make the grab you are going for right away either. Sometimes it's a matter of working your way up to it.

Concept five - Landing with power.

Make sure when you land you keep kite around 11 or 1 o'clock. Don't be afraid to give a little pull on your front hand before a landing. Just make sure you land flat with your weight centered over the board.

Be sure to absorb the impact by bending your knees. Keeping the kite high will make the landing softer so if you have bad knees, it's not a bad idea. If you're up to it however, it's going to wrap up the trick nicely and will make even the most basic jumps look more energetic and powerful