Unless you have lived under a rock the last twenty years, you probably already know there is an endless supply of adorable cat videos on YouTube. But wouldn’t you like to watch some equally-entertaining pool videos that are interesting or cute. If so, then the following viewing guide will be of interest.

Over the years, I have collected links to miscellaneous fun pool videos that don’t fit into conventional “categories.” All of them are available in the “Miscellaneous Interesting Videos” section of the Online Video Collection at billiards.colostate.edu. I thought it would be fun to pique your interest by showing some images from the videos.

Let’s start with some TV ads that have appeared over the years, mostly in the 1970s and 1980s. Bud Light had an interesting ad featuring a ladies-only pool tournament where some guys wanting an easy cash dressed up for the part (see Image 1). Another featured a special chicken who could play pool by laying cue balls, sometimes at impressive velocity (see Image 2).

If you prefer Miller Light over Bud Light, you can watch Steve Mizerak shoot a fun sequence of three trick shots in a single take (see Image 3) or watch him try to convince a bunch of celebrities of the time, including famous comedian Rodney Dangerfield, that Miller being “Less Filling” is more important than it “Tasting Great” (see Image 4). I always thought that was an odd advertising ploy, trying to convince potential customers that the beer’s taste isn’t as important as it having fewer calories.

Another funny ad is the “history of pool” by Guinness, showing in a hilarious way how and why the cue, rails, and pockets were invented (see Image 5). Hitting the CB with your finger made it sore after a while, and it got old chasing down and picking up balls from the floor. This and all the other beer-ad videos are worth a watch if you haven’t seen them yet.
Now let’s look at some TV shows and movies that have included interesting pool moments. In the greatest pool movie of all time “The Color of Money,” Tom Cruise was being a fool twirling the cue around like a ninja “Last Samurai” warrior (see Image 6). A Wushu Asian martial arts gymnast using a cue as a prop goes well beyond this (see Image 7). Tom Cruise’s pool game wasn’t great in the movie since most of the shots he actually played were easy setup shots, but “his hair was perfect” as he mouthed lyrics from the song “Werewolves of London” playing in the background (see Image 8).

Comedian Bill Murray became a skilled pool hustler with all the time he had in one of my favorite movies of all time: “Ground Hog Day” (see Image 9). And in a 1961 episode of “The Twilight Zone,” pool shark Jesse Cardiff (Jack Klugman) faces off against the devil spirit of “Fats” Brown (Jonathan Winters) for the challenge of his life … literally (see Image 10).
Sometimes ad agencies use fancy video editing and computer graphics to create pool shots not possible. In an ad for GrandOptical Eyeglasses, famous French soccer player Zinedine Zidane pockets 8 balls in one shot, all in the same pocket, obviously due to the effectiveness of the eyeglasses (see Image 11).

![Image 11: French eyeglasses ad](image)

There are lots of videos out there of various configurations of playing pool robots (see Image 12). If you watch the videos, you can rest assured that the technology is a long way from even threatening a “bar banger” … for now anyway.

![Image 12: Pool-playing robot](image)

Now for some cute pool videos to rival some of the adorable cat videos out there. How about famous trick shots executed on a tiny toy pool table … so cute (see Image 13)? And how about a chihuahua-playing-pool (see Image 14). Apparently, he doesn’t know the rules very well, because he is shooting the 8. And how could you go wrong with Donald Duck learning to play 3-cushion billiards in Disney’s “Donald in Mathmagic Land” (see Image 15)? You can watch Barb and GI Joe play a game of pool in stop-motion animation (see Image 16).
Those sneaky cats can even make cameo appearances in pool videos. Check out the massé shot video with a cat assist (see Image 17). Even pool videos are more adorable with cats.

Good luck with your game,
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