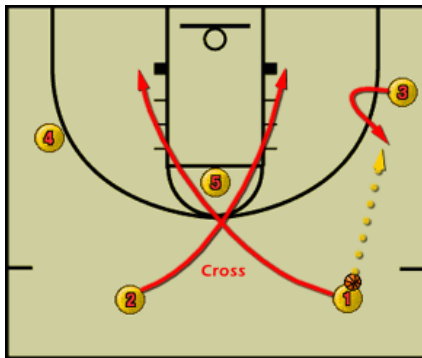
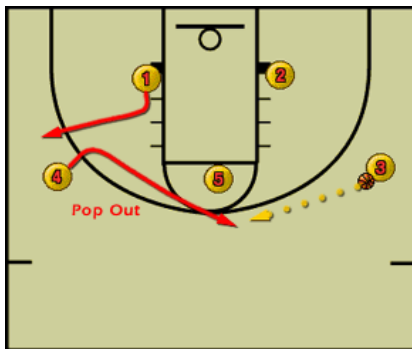


# Basketball Play - "Cross"

This is one of our "bread-and-butter" offensive basketball plays... Teams that play lazy defense can not stop this action.



How does this offensive basketball play start? Player #1 passes to #3 and splits off the high post with #2. Player #2 cuts to the ball-side block as #4 flashes high to reverse the ball. Player #3 can make the pass to #2 on the cut if he is open.



If the cutter is not open, player #3 reverses the ball to #4. Player #1 cuts to the wing and receives the pass from #4.

As #1 receives the pass from #4, player #3 cuts off a back-screen by #2 looking for the pass from #1. If #3 is open, player #1 passes him the ball for an easy basket... This option is usually available against teams that like to extend their defense while trying to force turnovers.

After passing the ball to #1, players #4 and #5 move to set a staggered double-down screen for #2. Player #2 waits for #3 to go shoulder-to-shoulder with him, and then rips high going shoulder-to-shoulder with players #4 and #5. If screens are set correctly, player #2 will be wide open for the 3-pt. shot at the top of the key.

