

Circuits

You've got the basics under your belt by now, you can hover tail in, side on, and nose-in. It's about time you get started on flying some circuits.

What are circuits?

Circuits are simply roaring around the sky in a controlled fashion (well that's my definition anyway :)). It's really flying!

Before you can move on to stall turns, loops or rolls etc, you really want to be able to handle fast forward flight and be comfortable handling the helicopter from any orientation.

This is important just in case your loops/stall turns later on come out all curly and the helicopter starts heading off in some crazy direction (it definitely happens!).

Some people may not think that circuits are a definitive learning step. I think they are. Learning to be comfortable with flying the helicopter high and far away from you is something you need to learn.

How to do it

I learned to do circuits by just gradually flying the helicopter higher, further and faster. In no time I was whizzing around the sky at full noise and I felt like I was actually finally flying!

Just start doing figure eights and keep increasing their size until they're MASSIVE!

Aim of lesson

The aim of the lesson is to get used to looking at the machine as it's screaming around the sky at higher altitudes. This will give you the confidence to recover the heli from most orientations.