

HOW TO: BASIC RIGGING

Bobbers are great in shallow water and for placing baits above fish that feed upward, like sunfish. A bobber plunging beneath the water is a sure sign of a bite.

HOW TO RIG A BOBBER

Tie on a hook. (Figure 1) Press the button on the top of the bobber to extend the clasp out of the bottom, and secure your line under it.

(Figure 2) With your thumb holding the bottom clasp in place, press down on the button's side, exposing a second clasp. Loop your line under this clasp, so the bobber hangs upright.

(Figure 3) Pinch one or two small split shot to the line 4 inches above the hook, to pull the bait down to the fish.

HOW TO RIG A SLIP SINKER

Sinkers allow anglers to quickly get their bait down deep, and are especially good for bottom-dwelling fish like catfish. Slip sinkers allow fish to swim away without feeling the weight.

(Figure 4) Cut a 24 inch length of monofilament to serve as a leader. Tie one end to a hook, and the other to a swivel.

(Figure 5) Pull your main line through the eye of the sinker, and tie it to the other side of the swivel.

TIPS:

Select hook size based on the size of the fish that you are trying to catch.

For example, try a small No. 8 aberdeen hook for bluegill, or a 1/0 circle hook for catfish.

Use the smallest bobber possible to allow fish to easily pull it under.

Use sinkers just heavy enough to keep your bait in place.

Figure 1

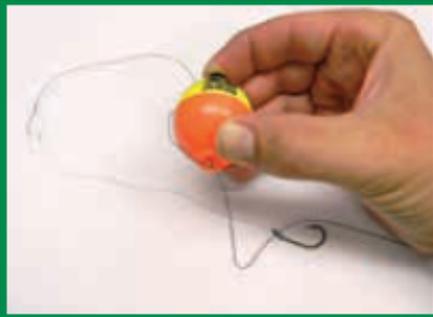


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