



Rigging Methods

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Drop-Shot Rig:

What you'll need: Octopus hook, circle hook, or even a #4 bait holder hook, 1/8 - 3/8 oz drop-shot weight or split shot.

Setting it up: Using a palomar knot, tie the hook on the line - making sure that the point of the hook is facing up. Finish the knot with the desired amount of line below the hook (usually 6 - 12 inches from the hook).

Attach the drop shot weight to tag the end of the line, or if using a split-shot, pinch the weight on the end of the line. Attach the lure as shown. (if fishing in weeded areas, use a worm hook to rig weedless - but always make sure that the point of the hook is facing up, or you will miss the strike).

This rig was originally intended for fishing deep-water structures, but it is very effective at any depth. With the weight below the lure, the weight stays on the bottom while the fisherman imparts the action on the lure without moving it out of the strike zone.

Strikes often occur while the lure is sitting motionless. Don't be afraid to let the lure sit for a few seconds after applying a shaking motion to the line.

Uncle Skippy's Custom Baits to be used with this rig: Z Lizard, Baby Z Lizard, Finesse Worm, Shakey Worm, Sting Ray Grub, Salt Stick, Bog Frog, Minnows, Mud Bug and Mud Bug Jr.



Wacky Rig:

What you'll need: A octopus hook or short-shank, wide-gap hook. (Optional o-ring)

Setting it up: Pierce the hook through the center of the worm. (If using an o-ring, slide it to the center of the worm. Slide the hook under the o-ring.

Cast the worm into shallow structure and let the bait sink to the bottom on a slack line. Fish will strike as the bait falls. Watch the line for indications of a strike. When the bait has settled to the bottom, slowly reel the bait to the surface. At this point, you may let the bait sink again to the bottom or re-cast.

Uncle Skippy's Custom Baits to be used with this rig: Salt Stick



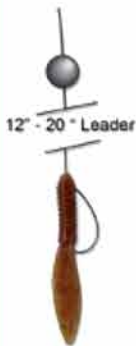
Split-Shot Rig:

What you'll need: A wide-gap worm hook and a 1/16 - 3/8 oz. split shot weight.

Setting it up: Tie on the hook, then pinch the split-shot weight onto the line at the desired length (usually between 12 - 20 inches above the hook). Pierce the bait at the head, pushing the point of the hook out the side about 1/4 inch below the head. Pull the bait up the eye of the hook, and then pierce the side of the bait with the point of the hook - burying it into the plastic.

This is a finesse type presentation usually used in water that is less than 15 feet in depth. Cast shallow and let the bait sink to the bottom, then slowly drag the bait along the bottom - pausing momentarily between drags. Sometimes the fish will strike when the bait is still.

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Texas Rig:

What you'll need: A wide-gap worm hook and a 1/8 - 1/2 oz. bullet weight.

Setting it up: Slide the weight onto the line with the pointed end facing up then tie on the hook. Pierce the bait at the head, pushing the point of the hook out the side about 1/4 inch below the head. Pull the bait up to the eye of the hook and pierce the side of the bait with the point of the hook - burying it into the plastic (if using a small diameter worm, pierce the bait all the way through the center - then back the point of the hook into the plastic so that it is not exposed).

This rig is very effective as a fall-bait in brushy and weeded areas, but it is also effective on the bottom by dragging or jiggling it while keeping the bait in contact with the bottom.

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Carolina Rig:

What you'll need: A swivel, 1/8 - 3/8 oz. sliding egg or bullet weight and a wide-gap worm hook.

Setting it up: Slide the weight onto the line then tie on the swivel. Add 12 - 20 inches of line for the leader with the hook tied on the end. Add a little noise and color with a brightly colored bead or two between the swivel and the weight (this will also protect the swivel from the weight).

The Carolina Rig is usually used with a drag-pause motion on a sand or muddy bottom in open water. This rig is also usually fished deep, but is also effective for shallow presentations.

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Jigs:

What you'll need: a 1/16 - 3/8 oz. jig head. Use just enough weight to put the lure in the desired strike zone (most of the time, a slow fall-rate produces more strikes).

Setting it up: Pierce the tip of the lure head with the hook and work the point of the hook through the center of the bait until the entire shank of the hook is encased in the lure. Make sure that the lure is straight when rigging is finished. The head of the lure should be against the bottom of the jig head.

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