

FISHING BASICS



QUICK TIPS, RESOURCES AND GEAR

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A closed-face spincast rod and reel are great for learning how to fish.



2. CHOOSE YOUR BAIT

Different species of fish have different appetites. Choose your bait based on what kind of fish are in the water and what you are trying to catch.

TROUT

- » Powerbait
- » Lures
- » Flies
- » Salmon eggs
- » Worms
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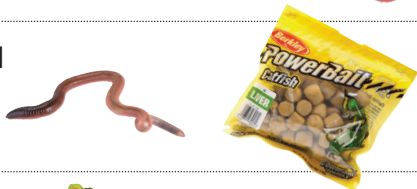
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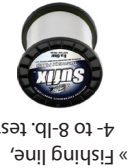
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» Fishing line, 4- to 8-lb. test



» Hemostats

These help you dislodge hooks and grip line while tying knots.

» or needle-nose pliers



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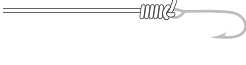
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» Thread the line through eye of the hook. Double back and make five or more turns around the line.



» Bring the end of line back through the first loop formed behind the eye. Then go through the big loop.



» Wet knot and pull the tag end to tighten down the coils. Slide it tight against the eye, clip excess.

5. PICK YOUR SPOT

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cpw.state.co.us/fish/fishingatlas

6. BAG LIMITS

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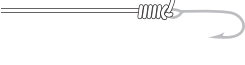
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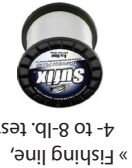
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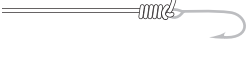
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