

# FISHING BASICS



QUICK TIPS, RESOURCES AND GEAR

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## 2. CHOOSE YOUR BAIT

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### TROUT

- » Powerbait
- » Lures
- » Flies
- » Salmon eggs
- » Worms
- » Jigs



### SUNFISH & CRAPPIE

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- » Worms
- » Mealworms



### CATFISH

- » Stinkbait
- » Worms



### BASS

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4- to 8-lb. test



» Hemostats  
or needle-nose pliers

These help you  
dislodge hooks  
and grip line  
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» Sinkers,  
1/8 oz.

» Swivels,  
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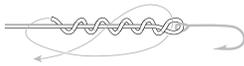


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### 4. KNOW YOUR KNOT

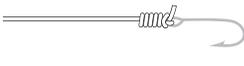
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» Thread the line through eye of the hook. Double back and make five or more turns around the line.



» 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

Where should you go? You can find your perfect fishing hole and Colorado Fishing Atlas.

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### 6. BAG LIMITS

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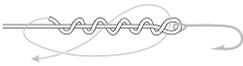
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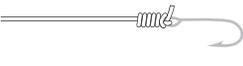
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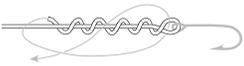
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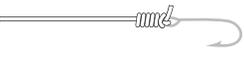
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