Lone Star Cane Pole

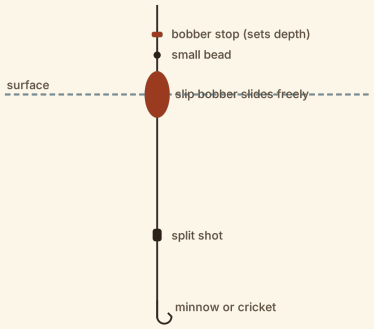
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Rig and knot cards

Print, cut on the lines, and keep them in the tackle box.

Slip bobber rig

For: crappie and bluegill over brush at an exact depth.

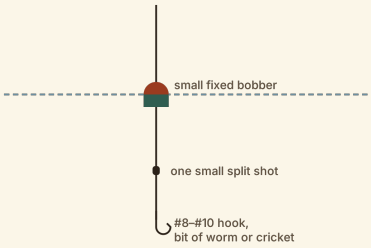


Slide the stop to fish exact depth over brush.

1. Slide a bobber stop and bead onto the main line.
2. Thread on the slip bobber.
3. Tie on a light-wire hook; add a split shot 12–18 in above it.
4. Slide the stop so bait sits just above the brush.

Bluegill bobber rig

For: bluegill around weeds, docks and beds.

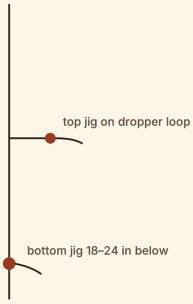


Set bait 2–4 ft deep near weeds and docks.

1. Clip a small bobber 2–4 ft above the hook.
2. Pinch on one small split shot halfway down.
3. Bait a #8–#10 hook with a bit of worm or a cricket.
4. Cast past the bed and ease it back.

Double jig crappie rig

For: crappie when you don't know the depth yet.

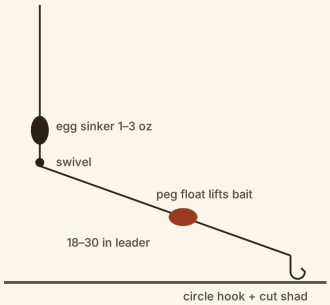


Two depths at once until you find the school.

1. Tie a dropper loop 18–24 in above the end of the line.
2. Put one jig on the loop and one on the end.
3. Fish them vertically through brush or troll them slowly.

Santee Cooper rig

For: drifting blue cats over flats.

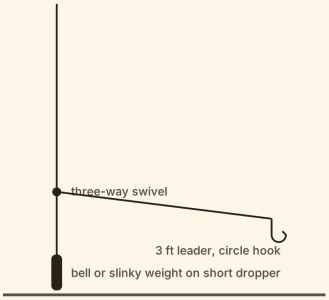


Drag slowly; the float keeps bait off snags.

1. Slide an egg sinker onto the main line, then tie on a swivel.
2. Tie on an 18–30 in leader.
3. Add a peg float a few inches above a circle hook.
4. Bait with cut shad and drift slowly.

Drift rig (three-way)

For: blue cats on flats 15–25 ft deep, drifting about ½ mph.



Drift across flats with the wind; let the rod load.

1. Tie the main line to a three-way swivel.
2. Short dropper to a bell or slinky weight (MDC used 4 oz).
3. About 3 ft of leader to a 2/0 circle hook with cut shad.
4. Let the rod load before you reel — circle hooks set themselves.

Knots

Improved clinch knot

Thread the line through the eye, wrap the tag end around the standing line 5–7 times, pass it back through the small loop by the eye, then through the big loop you just made. Wet it and pull tight.

Palomar knot

Double about 6 in of line and push the loop through the eye. Tie a loose overhand knot with the doubled line, pass the hook through the loop, wet and pull tight.

Uni knot

Run the line through the eye and lay the tag back along the standing line to form a loop. Wrap the tag through the loop 5–6 times, wet, pull the tag to snug, then slide the knot down to the eye.

Dropper loop

Make a loop in the line, twist one side around the other 6–8 times, push the middle of the loop through the center twist, wet and pull both ends. Use it for the top jig of a double rig.

Drift-rig numbers (4 oz bell sinker, 2/0 circle hook, flats 15–25 ft at about ½ mph) are from the Missouri Dept. of Conservation. Line and hook sizes for bluegill and crappie follow TPWD and MDC guidance.