

Essential Bass Rigs to Catch More Fish



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Foreword

To the up and comers and the weekend warriors, rigging for bass is one of those things that we often ignore on purpose because we don't feel like it's necessary. We fish our Gulp! Worms and toss single-tail grubs with a bobber week-after-week but in the back of our mind, there's a constant nagging that tells us we need to learn something new.

I say this because I went through it myself. The most aggravating part of it is that I had to go to at least six different fishing sites plus YouTube just to figure out how to properly do a Texas rig. I would've been better off going down to the local tackle shop and asking them.

So, I started putting together some guides on all the most popular rigs that new and seasoned anglers want to know. The guides have been well-received and people are really benefiting from the graphics and step-by-step instructions.

The problem is, you still need to go through each guide individually and many people have a hard time saving the images or finding the guide again when they want to rig their line.

That's the point of this PDF. It's designed to be read, saved, and brought back out when you're ready to hit the water. Now you no longer need to scour the internet looking for individual rigs and then finding them again when you've got your tackle in-hand. It's all right here for you in one place.

I hope this helps some of you experiment with more lures and rigs and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you might have.

Good luck out there!

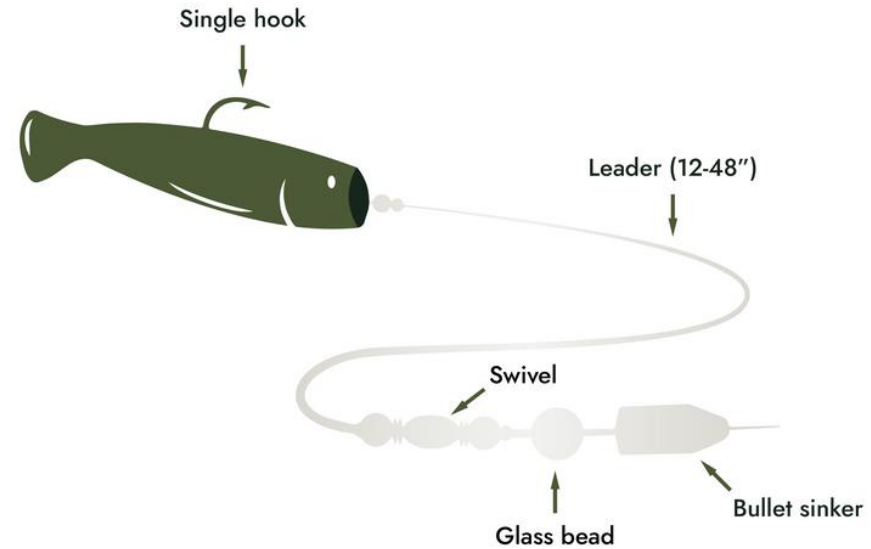
- Coty Perry



Carolina Rig

How To Rig It?

Each angler has his own unique method on how to make a Carolina rig. Here is mine. I will place a sinker on the mainline attached to my pole. A bead comes next. Plastic beads work best because glass beads tend to break. I then tie on a barrel swivel with about two or three feet of leader length fishing line that my hook is tied onto. Next, I place a creature bait, plastic worm, or other soft plastic on the hook. Now, I'm ready to go fishing!



Texas Rig

How To Rig It?

You'll set this up by taking the hook and turning it around towards the worm. Push about a quarter-inch of the hook into the worm, so it pokes out the other side. You want the hook at a perfect 90-degree angle. Keep pushing the hook out until you reach the eyelet. You don't want to expose it.

Remember that the most important part of this rig is protecting the tip of the hook from exposure to vegetation. So, you want to push the end of the hook back into the worm if it pops out. The first couple of times you do this, you'll probably rip the worm, so I suggest testing it out on something you can afford to lose.

1. Insert hook into nose of bait



2. Exit about 1/4 inch from tip of nose



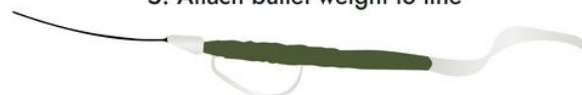
3. Pull hook through body, rotate hook and embed the point into bait



4. Embed the point right under or through the bait surface at an angle that keeps the bait straight



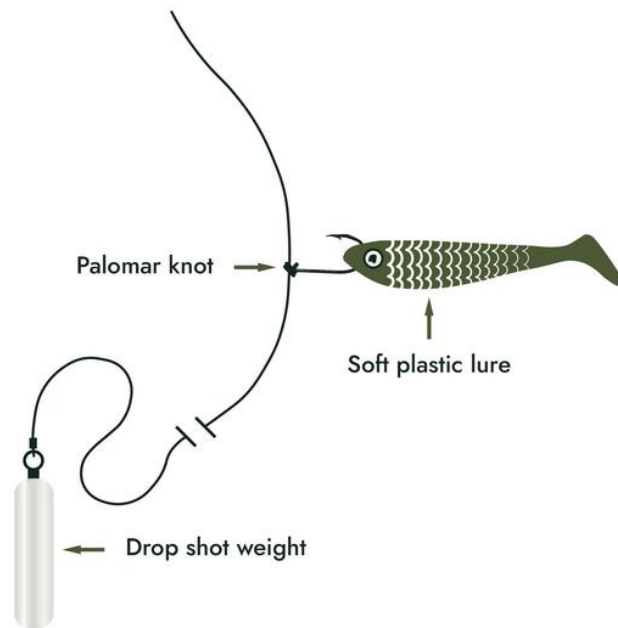
5. Attach bullet weight to line



Drop Shot Rig

How To Rig It?

To get started, you'll start by stringing up your hook like you normally would. You want to leave about four feet of line at the end of the hook. This will vary based on where you're fishing. If you're fishing really shallow water, you can downsize that to one foot if you feel it's necessary. I almost always leave around four feet, and it's worked pretty well for me. Next, you'll tie your hook up, and now you have that extra line at the end. Attach a drop shot or sinker to the end and boom; you've got yourself a drop shot. Simple right?



Wacky Rig

How To Rig It?

Here are the steps:

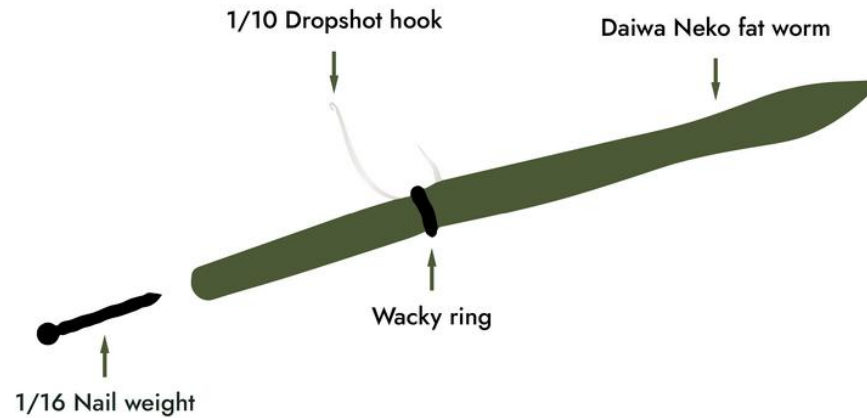
1. Take a standard plastic o-ring and run it to the middle of your worm
2. Use a size 1 gap hook and loop it through the hook
3. Line your hook, and you're good to go



Neko Rig

How To Rig It?

It's simple. Pierce the worm in the middle or use an o-ring as we did with the wacky rig. Take a lead weight nail and insert it into the blunt tail end of the worm. So, when you present this worm, it will stand vertically, but with each movement, it will pull horizontally and then return to vertical when you let it sink.

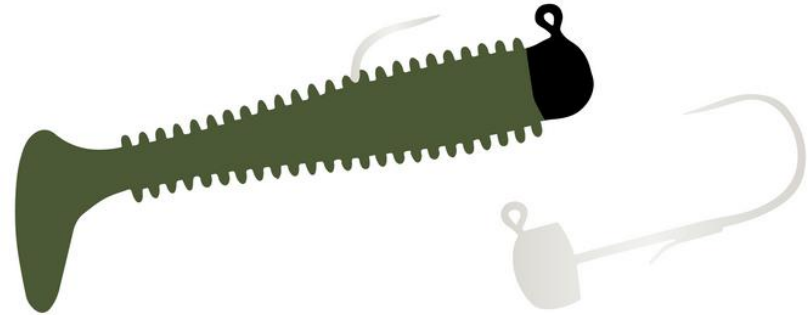


Ned Rig

How To Rig It?

Take your soft plastic and insert a jig head into it. Make sure to size down if you're fishing during cold weather months because the bass aren't willing to accept a challenge during this time. Many people prefer a mushroom jig head.

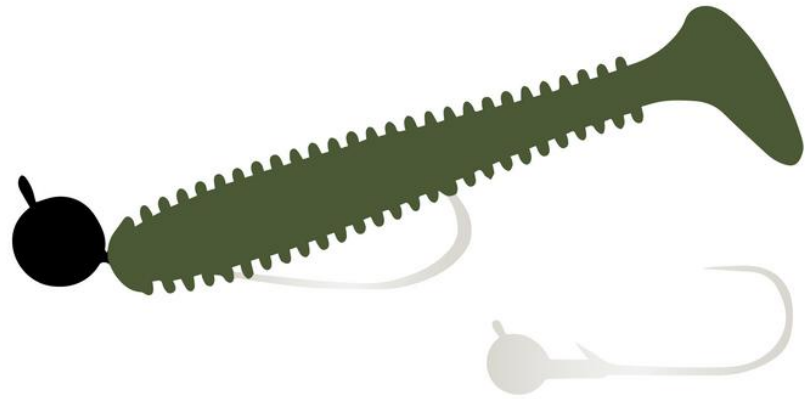
Then you want to attach that setup to a six-foot fluorocarbon leader. Tie it up using your favorite knot, and you've got yourself a ned rig. See, I told you it was simple! All you really have here is a typical jig setup.



Shaky Head

How To Rig It?

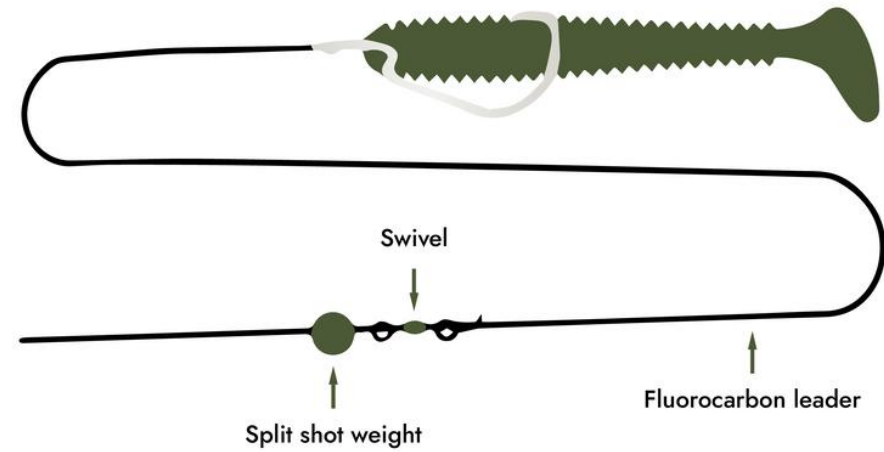
This one is super simple. The rig consists of a soft plastic worm like a Senko. They even have dedicated “shakey head” worms now that you can buy. Whatever choice you make, it doesn’t really matter. Take your jig head and penetrate the worm and wrap the hook all the way around so you can stick the end back through the bottom of the worm for a Texas rig.



Split Shot Rig

How To Rig It?

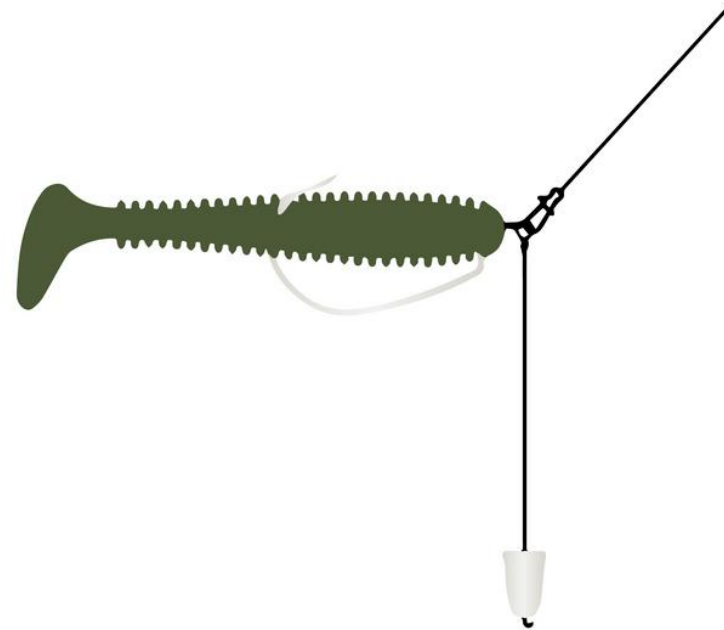
Rigging a split shot involves taking a weight and using it to steady your lure in one spot while the water moves it independently. You'll rig the end of your line with a split shot weight and a swivel. From there you'll take a fluorocarbon leader, attach it to the swivel, and attach a split shot hook to the end of the leader.



Tokyo Rig

How To Rig It?

While most people opt to purchase a Tokyo Rig assembled, you can make one yourself with a wide gap offset hook, punch shot wire, and a bullet sinker. You'll attach the wire to the hook and the sinker to the other end. It's a simple rig that helps keep the lure off the bottom while allowing it to flow naturally with the water.



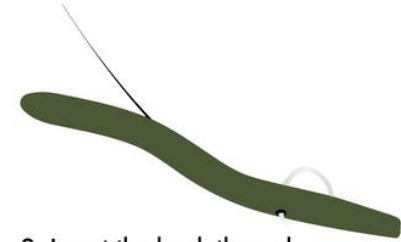
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How To Rig It?

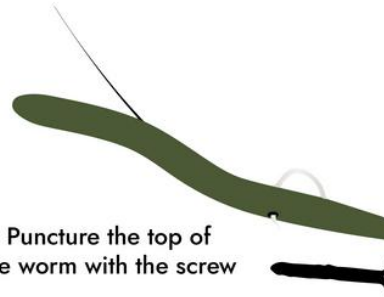
Take a 4/0 – 5/0 straight shank hook and puncture your work of choice about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way down the worm. You want to run your hook almost all the way through the soft plastic just like you would with a Texas rig. Once you're almost at the eye of the hook, flip it around as you would normally. Insert the hook back through the plastic until it pokes out the other side of the worm. You have a few different options for the third step. You can use a dedicated fishing screw weight, or Yamamoto actually recommends using a standard drywall screw with a round top. You want to puncture the top of the worm with the screw, and this will act as your weight.



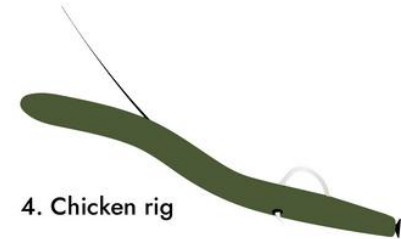
1. Puncture your worm of choice about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way down the worm



2. Insert the hook through the plastic until it pokes out the other side of the worm

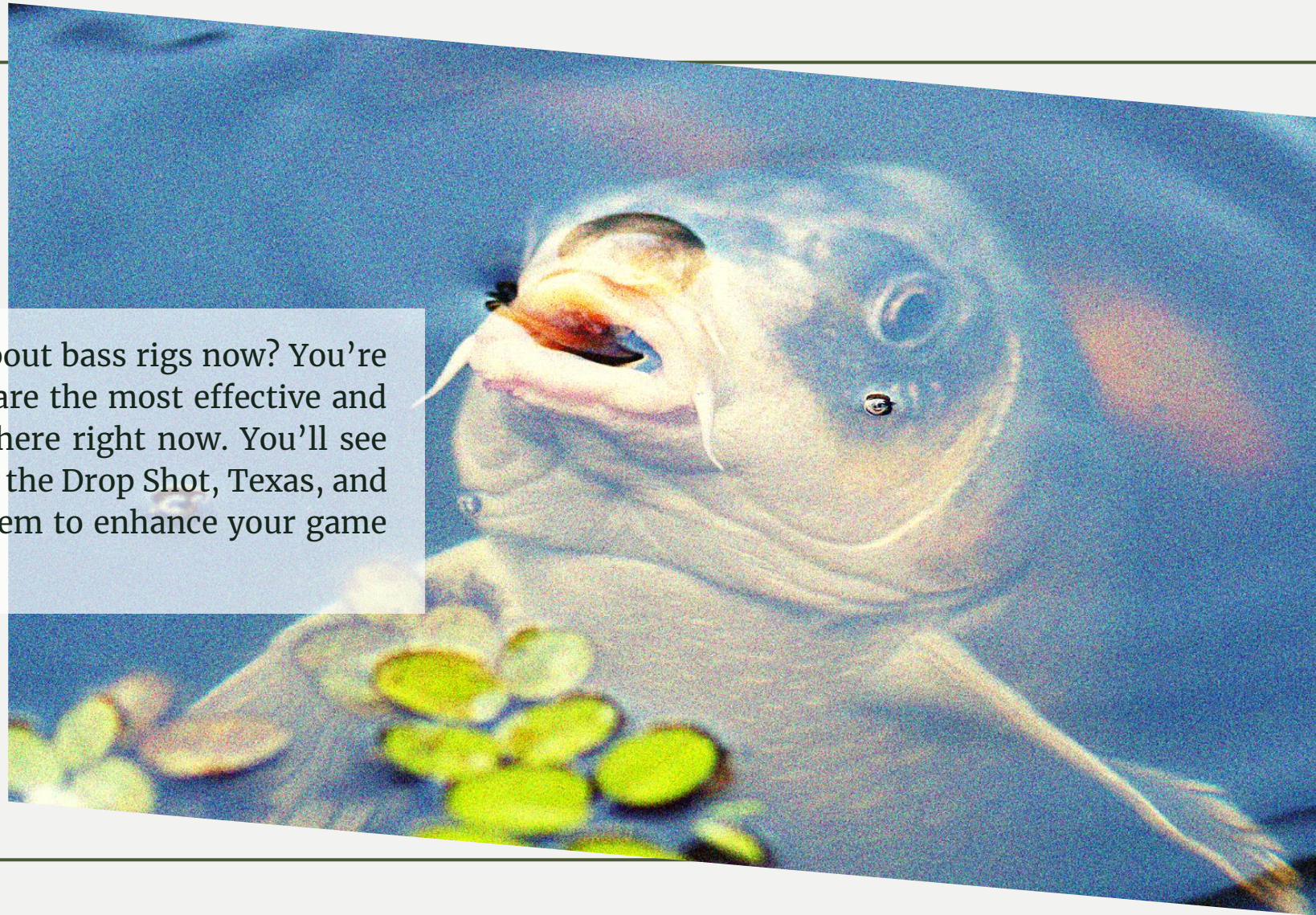


3. Puncture the top of the worm with the screw



4. Chicken rig

Think you know everything about bass rigs now? You're pretty darn close to it. These are the most effective and most common bass rigs out there right now. You'll see many professional anglers use the Drop Shot, Texas, and Carolina rigs regularly. Use them to enhance your game and catch more bass!



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