

The Drop Shot Rig

Drop Shot Rig - **Step 1**



Drop Shot Rig - **Step 2**



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Drop shot rigs are one of the most popular way to fish a plastic bait right now. It is an easy rig to set up and fish, and it catches bass. It is especially good for suspended fish or pressured bass that will not hit any other rig.

The drop shot is simply a way of tying your hook 12- 48 inches up the line and putting the sinker on the bottom. Raising the bait off the bottom gives the plastic bait a different look, and it is often easier for them to see it.

The drop shot is best fished on med-light line on baitcasting as well as spinning outfits. A 6' - 6'6" med. - med. hvy. rod, with 8- 12lb. test line is best

Although there are specialized hooks and drop shot sinkers available to tie this rig, all you really need is a size 1 -4 hook and a bass sinker (1/8th to 1/2 ounce).

Start by tying on the hook using the knot shown above Leave the tag end the length you want the worm to be off the bottom. Start at 12 to 48 inches up the line depending on water depth.

When you tie the hook on, bring the tag end back through the eye of the hook from the top down, that will make the hook **stand out straight**. Make sure you pull your knot tight when tying it.

Tie the weight at the end of the line.

Hook a plastic worm (preferably a finesse worm) worm on by running the hook thru the nose. If there weed beds around the area, rig the worm Texas style, making it weedless. Use small worms like Zoom Finesse worms, 4 inch Dead Ringers, Flukes, Lizards, brush hogs, and especially crawfish.

The rig can be fished directly under the boat or cast out 10 -20 feet into weed beds. To fish this rig is simple. Don't retrieve your line. Take up the slack in your line and let the movement of the water provide the slight action to your bait, or gently move your rod tip up and down to provide greater action. Wait. when the Bass strikes, you'll know it!

Tight lines! Tom