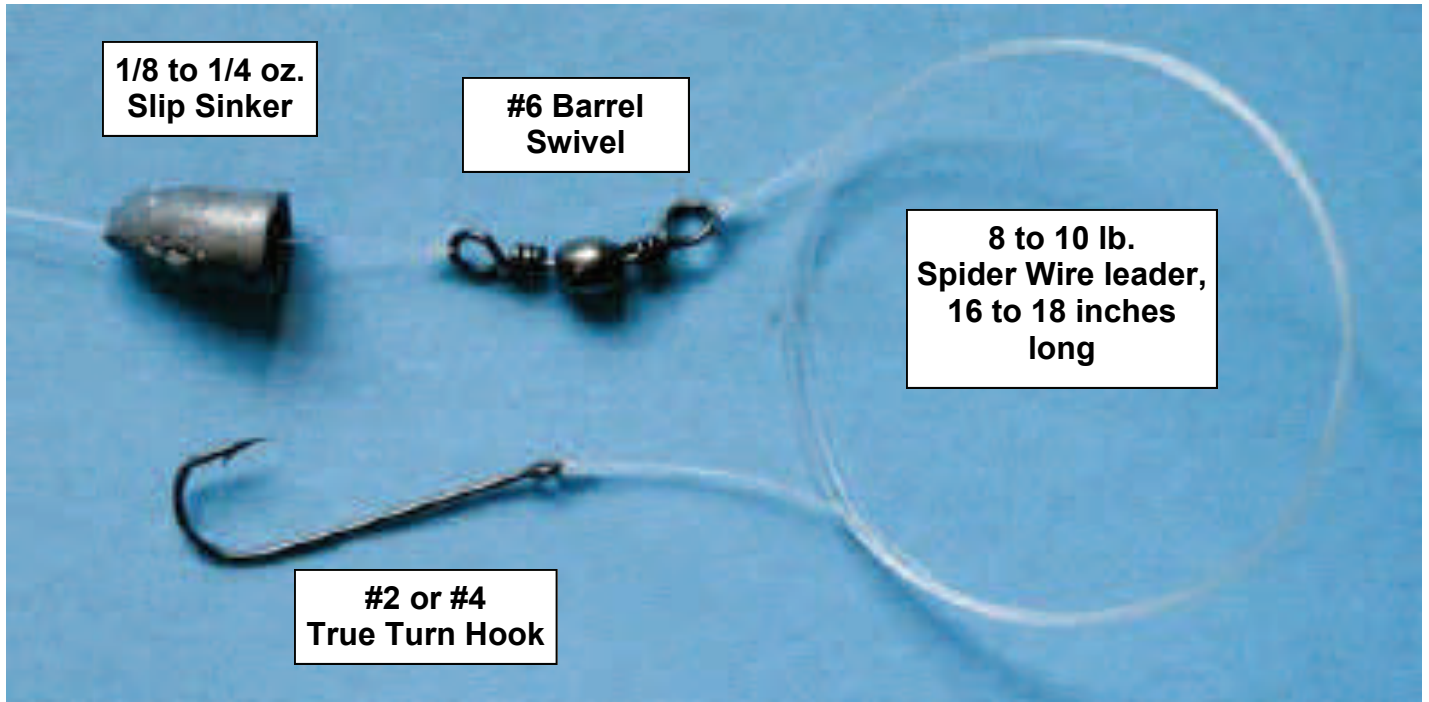


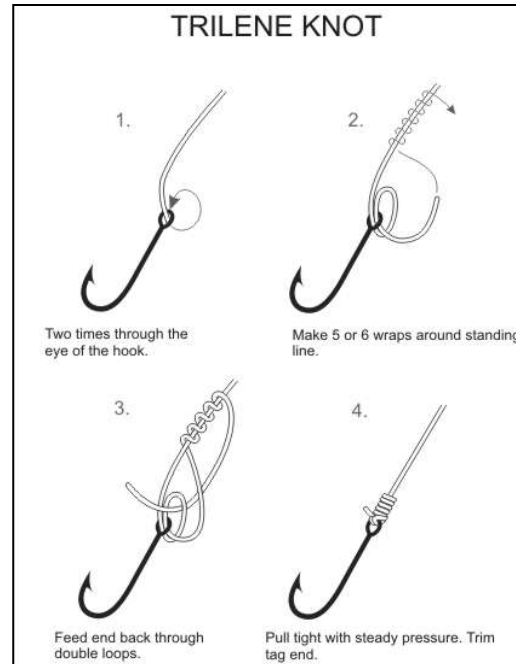
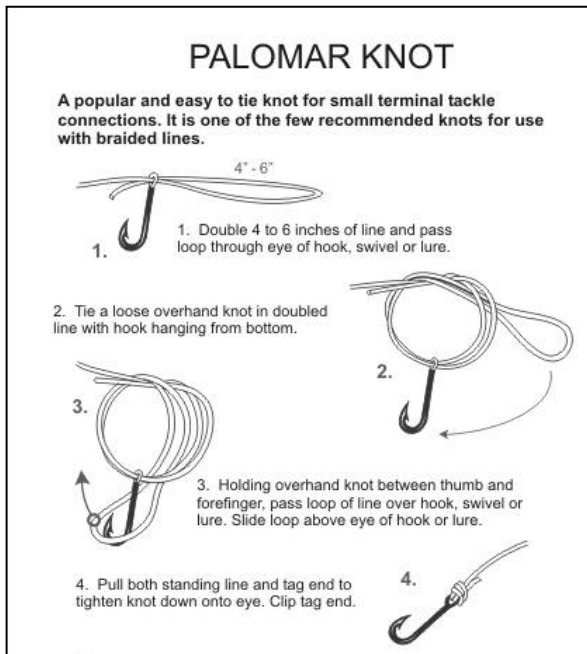
Marc Rosemeyer's Highland Lake Carp Rig



9 Keys To Carp Fishing Success

1. Use the rig shown above with 8 to 10lb. line on your reel.
2. Bait the fish a few days early in the morning and evening with canned sweet corn. The cheapest corn you can find works the best.
Special Tip "Creamed corn makes a great chum slick".
3. Check your bait often, at least once an hour.
4. Leave the drag on your reel set loose so you can hear when a fish is on. When the fish takes the bait, don't set the hook, just put pressure on the spool.
5. While fighting the fish try to keep it's head toward the surface. When he swims left put the rod tip to the right, when he goes right put the tip to the left. This procedure will help wear the fish out faster.
6. Make sure the drag is set looser when the fish is near the netting area. The fish will usually take a few last power runs prior to landing.
7. Have a good net. Guide the fish in and don't swipe at them.
8. Best fishing times are early morning from 5:00am to 10:30am and evenings from 5:00pm to 11:00pm.
9. Storing your fish before the weigh in is easy. Put fish in a garbage can and cover with water. Keep them out of the sun, change the water every day and hose the slime off of the fish.

World's Easiest to Tie Fishing Knots



The Basic Carp Hair Rig

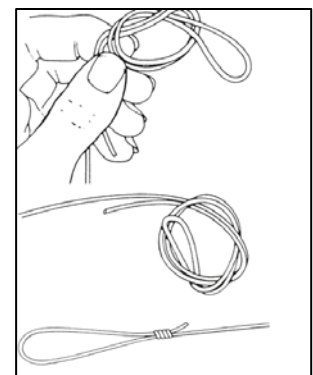
Without a doubt hair rigs have transformed the carp fishing scene being the most popular and successful type of rig to use when fishing for carp of all types and sizes.

The basic hair rig is an easy rig to tie and offers secure bait holding properties and superb hooking capability to the carp fisherman. It is a rig that **all** carp fishermen should master.



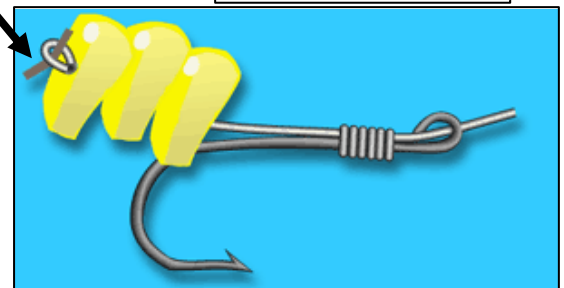
How To Tie A Basic Hair Rig

First cut the required amount of rig leader line about (8-24") and then tie a standard overhand knot (pictured here) into one end and trim off the excess leaving a very small tab. Some carp fishermen prefer to go through the loop twice for a more secure knot, but it is a personal preference.



Bait Stop, Prevents it From Falling Off

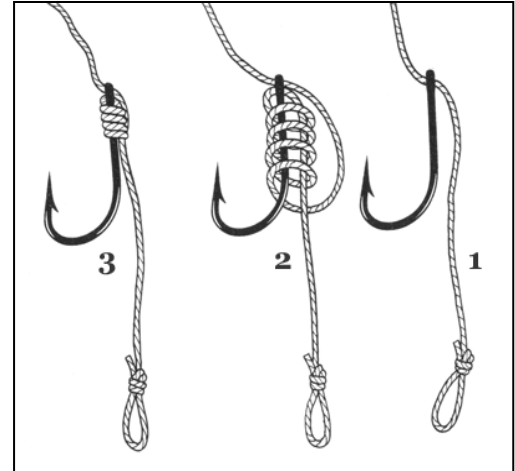
Next you can put corn or other bait onto this knot using a stop like a small piece or rubber band or grass. Make sure the length of the loop is long enough for the bait that you will be attaching. It should be attached like the picture shown on the right.



Next, lay the line along the back of the shank of the hook and thread the free end of your line through the BACK of the eye as per diagram 1.

Now to tie the knot less knot, leave the bait hanging the desired length from the hook (which as said earlier is dependant on size of bait), now wrap the line from the bottom of the eye, down the shank five or six times as per diagram 2.

Then feed the loose end, again, through the BACK of the hook and gently pull everything tight so as your rig now looks similar to diagram 3. Some carp anglers then super glue this knot and some do not, but i prefer to err on the side of caution and glue mine, being VERY careful not to let the glue stick the "hair" to the shank of the hook in the process.



This just leaves you to tie the loose end of the rig to your chosen swivel.

This rig is well worth the time, effort and practice to become adept at tying the basic hair rig, as there is nothing worse than needing a new hair rig whilst fishing, especially at night or in extreme weather conditions, when you find yourself fumbling about with a basic hair rig and then when you do finally recast your baited hair rig into the lake, find yourself doubting as to whether you have tied a good strong rig or not.

It is far better to be able to tie a basic hair rig easily and comfortably, in adverse weather conditions, low light levels and with wet fingers, and then fish with the knowledge that your rig is tied correctly and will not let you down when you get a run from a strong carp, rather than sit there doubting yourself and worrying about the rig and its knots due to lack of practice which can be done easily in the comfort of your own home, until you have mastered this, the most basic and simple of all the hair rigs.