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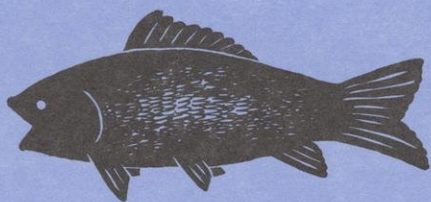
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FISHING



FOR FUN

FISHING



FOR THE FUTURE





Lines and tackle

Welcome to
where skill, patience
can land you
a mighty good time.



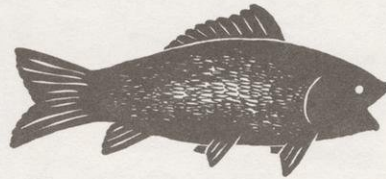
There's some



so turn the page

and bait—oh, my!

the world of fishing,
and a little luck
a meal and

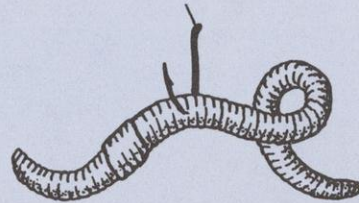


stuff you need to know
before you go,
and jump right in!

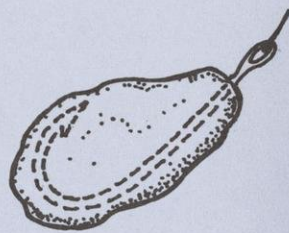
BAIT

Be careful! Hooks can hook fingers, too!

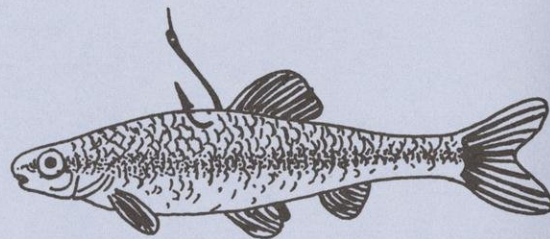
Fish like worms. Worms taste good and they wiggle. You can probably find them in your yard or under leaves in the woods. When fishing, keep your worms cool in a container of damp soil.



Doughballs are the best bait for carp. You can make them by mixing flour, bread, cornmeal or breakfast cereal flakes (like Wheaties) with water and honey. Make a ball and press it on your hook.

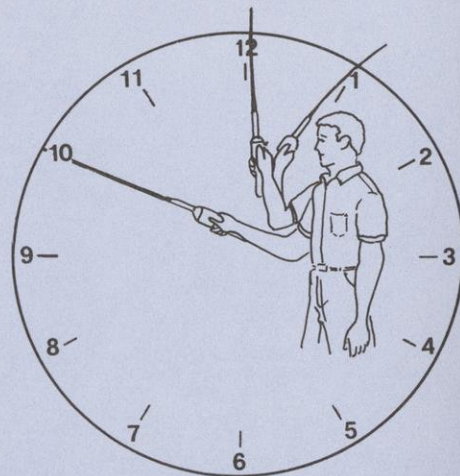


A swimming minnow attracts fish. So put your hook through the very top of its back, right in front of the fin. That way the minnow can still swim. Keep minnows in a minnow bucket under some shade.



CASTING

This can be tricky, but you can do it with practice. First, make sure no one's standing close to you, and move away from trees, bushes and power lines. Remember, the only thing you want to catch is fish! Press the button on your reel and hold it down. Using your wrist (not your whole arm), gently bring the rod straight up over your shoulder. Bring the rod forward and let go of the reel button. Turn the reel crank forward until it clicks. When a fish bites, jerk the line quickly so the hook will set in the fish's mouth.



GEAR

The clinch knot is the easiest to tie. It will keep your hook tied to your line even if a really big fish is tugging on your bait.

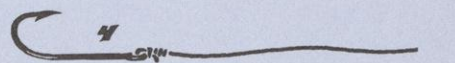
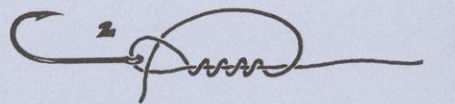
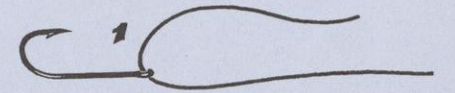
HOW TO TIE A KNOT

First step: Put the end of the line through the eye of the hook and bring it back toward the rest of the line.

Second step: Make five "S" twists around the line. Take the end of the line back toward the hook and push it through the first loop nearest the eye.

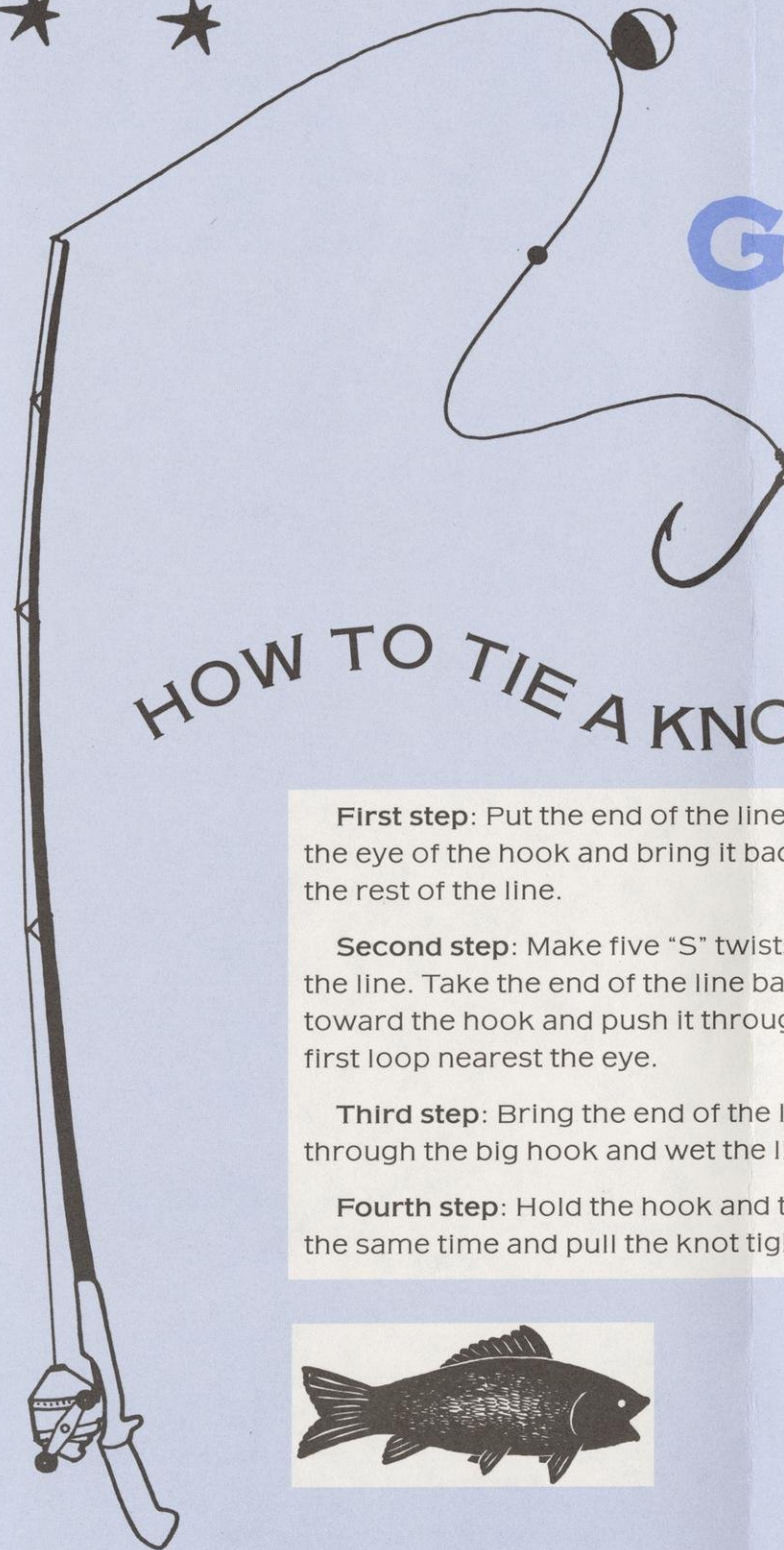
Third step: Bring the end of the line back through the big hook and wet the line.

Fourth step: Hold the hook and the line at the same time and pull the knot tight.

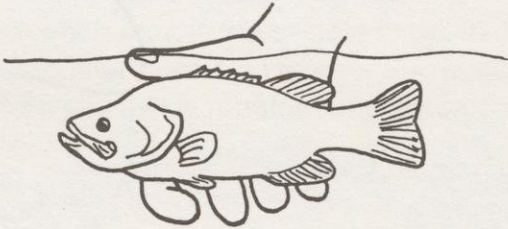


SAFETY

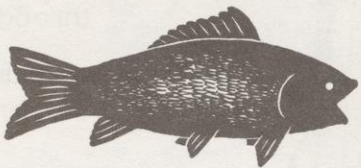
Always fish with a buddy and let an adult know where you are. Test the banks to make sure they don't cave in and watch out for deep holes if you're wading in a stream. When you're near the water, wear a life jacket and learn to swim. Be a good angler. Don't litter and respect the people and the wildlife around you.



CATCH & RELEASE



Releasing more fish now means more fish for the future. Wet your hands before touching a fish and keep the fish in the water if possible. Handle the fish gently and quickly. Cut the line if the fish swallows the hook. The hook will dissolve inside the fish.



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