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# EAT, SLEEP GOT FISHING



## ASK GARFIELD!

BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO FISHING  
IN COOPERATION WITH  
NATIONAL FISHING WEEK

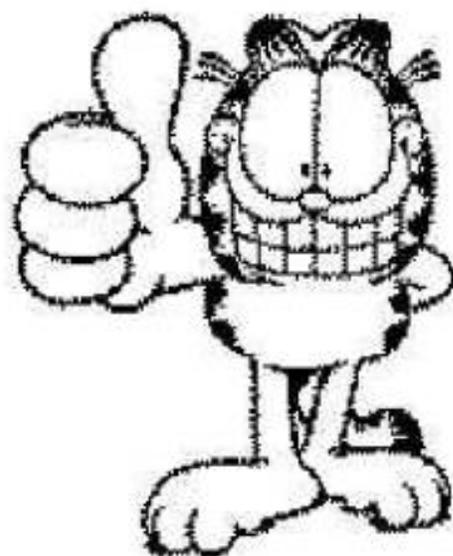
**Q: WHERE DO FISH LIVE, GARFIELD?**



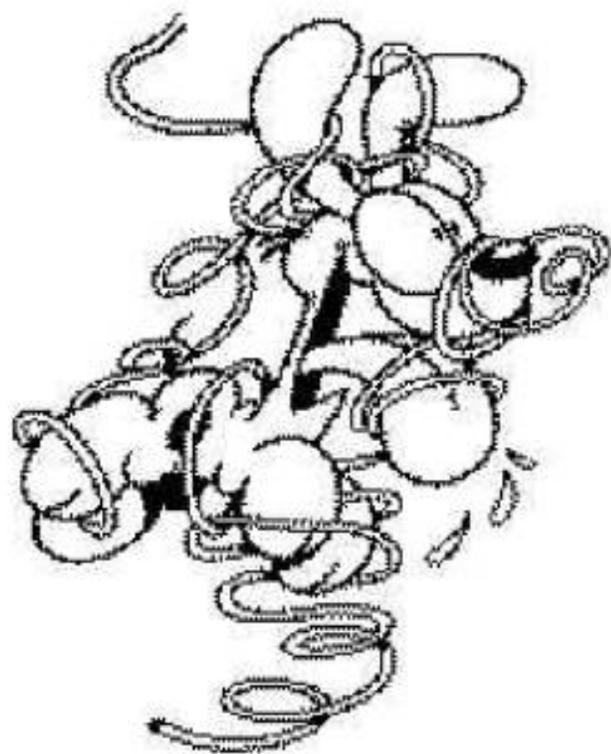
**A: FISH LIVE IN RIVERS, STREAMS, LAKES, OCEANS AND PONDS. SOMETIMES THEY FIND SHELTER NEAR BOAT DOCKS, WEED BEDS, ROCKS, IN DEEP WATER AND NEAR UNDERWATER TREES. ONE THING IS FOR SURE, THEY DON'T LIVE IN PIZZA PARLORS OR BOWLING ALLEYS.**

Q: HOW DO YOU TIE A STRONG KNOT IN THE FISHING LINE, GARFIELD?

A: HMM...I'M ALL THUMBS WHEN IT COMES TO TYING KNOTS. LET'S ASK MY TRUSTY ASSISTANT, ODIE.



Q: OH ODIE, WOULD YOU SHOW EVERYONE HOW TO TIE A REALLY STRONG KNOT, PLEASE?



ODIE: ARF!

GARFIELD:

MAYBE THAT WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA AFTER ALL. LET'S ASK THE NATIONAL FISHING WEEK FOLKS TO HELP OUT...



THE PALOMAR KNOT IS AN EASY ONE TO TIE.

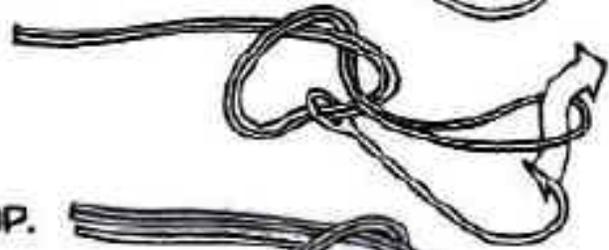
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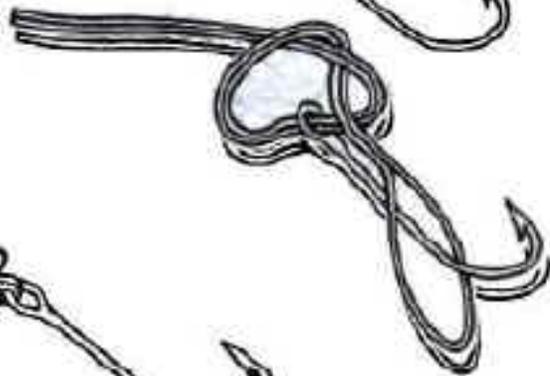
2. DOUBLE THE LINE AND PASS THE END THROUGH THE HOOK'S EYE.



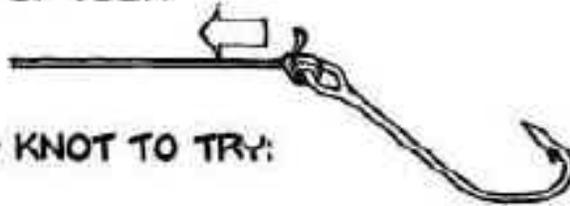
3. TIE AN OVERHAND KNOT (LIKE YOU WERE TYING YOUR SHOE STRINGS) BUT DO NOT PULL IT TIGHT YET.



4. PASS THE HOOK THROUGH THE LOOP.



5. PULL THE LOOSE END OF THE LINE TO TIGHTEN THE KNOT. TRIM THE END. LEAVE AT LEAST 1/8 INCH OF YOUR LINE AT THE KNOT.



HERE'S ANOTHER STRONG KNOT TO TRY:

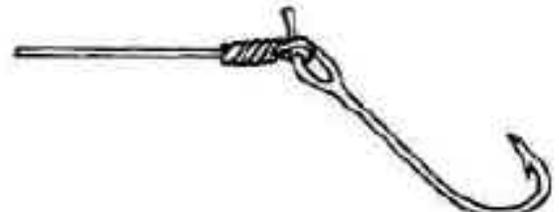
1. RUN THE END OF THE LINE THROUGH THE EYE OF THE HOOK TWO TIMES.



2. LOOP THE LINE AROUND 4 OR 5 TIMES. THEN THREAD THE LOOSE END BACK BETWEEN THE TWO LOOPS NEAR THE HOOK AS SHOWN.



3. PULL TIGHT. TRIM THE LOOSE END.



**Q: WHAT'S THE BEST KIND OF BAIT TO USE?**

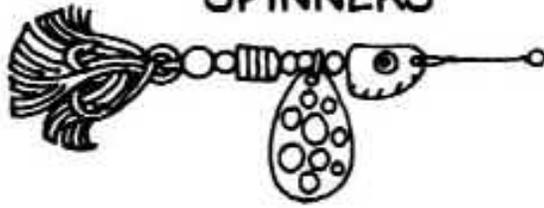


**A: YOU CAN FISH WITH LIVE BAIT LIKE EARTHWORMS, NIGHTCRAWLERS, BUGS, OR OTHER SQUISHY CRAWLY THINGS, OR YOU CAN USE ARTIFICIAL LURES THAT ACT LIKE NATURAL BAIT IN THE WATER. THESE ARE FUN TO LOOK AT, TOO. JUST DON'T SIT ON ONE.**

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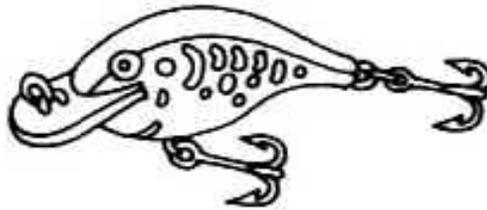
SPINNERS



JIGS



CRANKBAITS



PLASTIC WORMS



SPOONS



SINKERS ARE WEIGHTS THAT:

GET THE BAIT DEEPER.

HELP KEEP THE LINE TIGHT SO YOU CAN FEEL BITES.

HELP YOU CAST FARTHER



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HELP YOU CAST FARTHER.  
LOOK SILLY SHOVED UP YOUR NOSE.



**Q: WHAT ARE THE SECRETS TO CASTING?**

**A: IT TAKES A LOT OF PRACTICE TO BE AS GOOD AS ME, BUT DON'T FORGET, CATS ARE NATURAL FISHERMEN! HERE ARE A COUPLE OF TIPS TO HELP YOU GET STARTED:**

1ST: PRACTICE IN YOUR BACK YARD WITH A PLUG INSTEAD OF A HOOK AT THE END OF THE LINE.

LET THE PLUG HANG A FEW INCHES OFF THE END OF THE POLE.



2ND: PUT YOUR THUMB ON THE BUTTON AND HOLD IT IN. LOOK BEHIND YOU TO MAKE SURE NO ONE IS THERE. MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT IN ANY LIMBS OR BUSHES.

3RD: IMAGINE THAT YOUR ARM IS A HAND ON A CLOCK WITH NOON BEING STRAIGHT UP...

SMOOTHLY LIFT THE ROD TIP BY BENDING YOUR ELBOW AND WRIST. STOP THE ROD TIP BEHIND YOU AT THE 10 O'CLOCK POSITION.

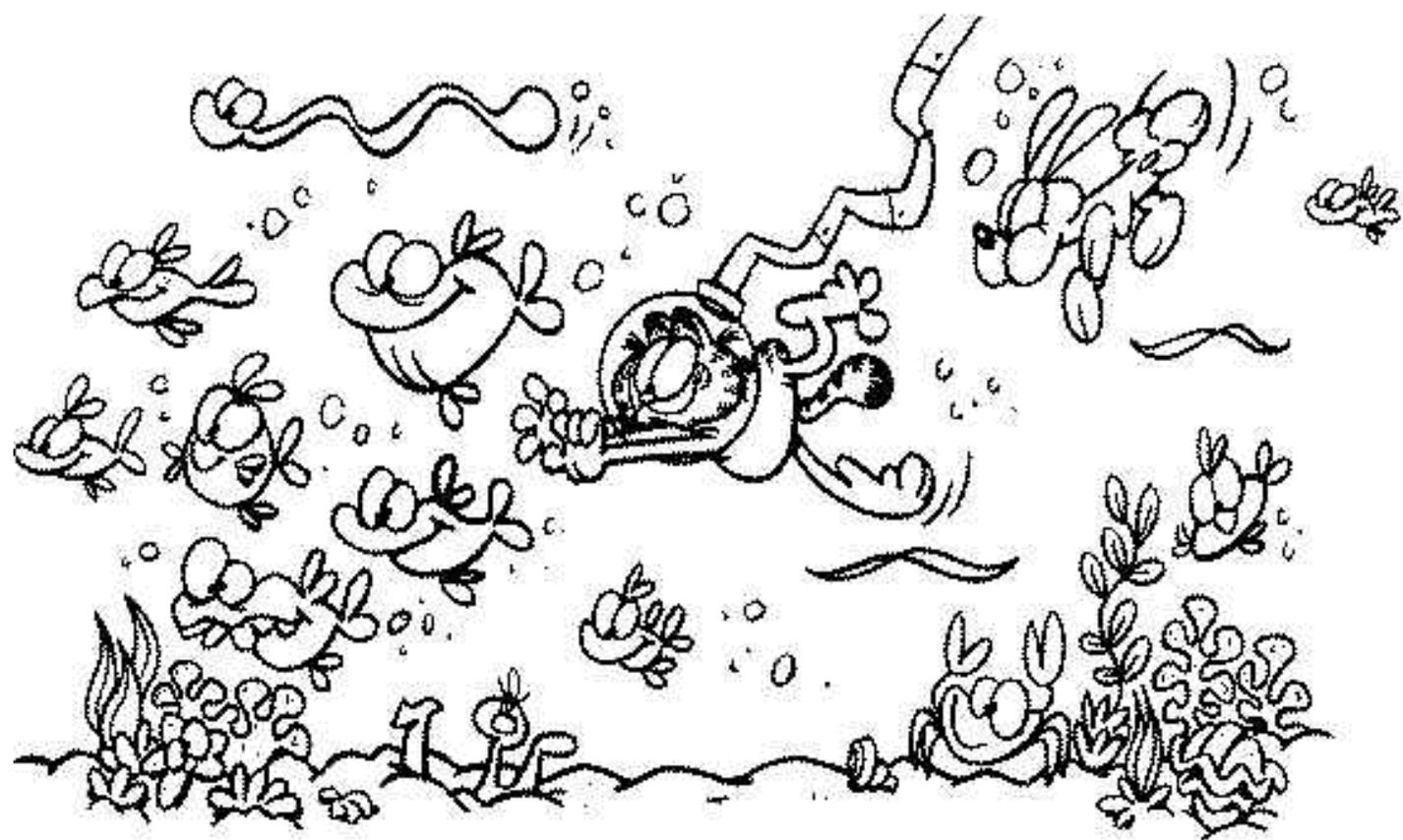


MOVE YOUR FOREARM AND SNAP YOUR WRIST AS YOU LIFT YOUR THUMB OFF THE BUTTON. YOUR ROD TIP SHOULD BE AT THE 2 O'CLOCK POSITION. IF YOU LET GO OF THE BUTTON TOO SOON YOUR LINE WILL GO IN A HIGH ARC. IF YOU RELEASE THE BUTTON, TOO LATE, THE BAIT WILL PLOP RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.

IT'S FUN TO PRACTICE! MAKE A GAME OF IT SETTING UP TARGETS IN YOUR BACKYARD.

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TARGETS IN YOUR BACKYARD.

**Q: WHAT KIND OF FISH WILL I CATCH?**



**A: DEPENDS ON HOW FAST YOU CAN SWIM!**

**BUT SERIOUSLY FOLKS...IN A LAKE OR STREAM  
YOU MIGHT CATCH A BLUEGILL, SUNFISH, BASS,  
CRAPPIE, CATFISH, OR CARP. FISHING IN THE  
OCEAN MIGHT NET A STURGEON, BLUEFISH, SEA-  
TROUT, OR SHARK! REMEMBER, ONLY KEEP A  
FEW FISH TO EAT AND RELEASE THE REST!**

**Q: WHAT IF THE WATER LOOKS POLLUTED? IS IT SAFE TO EAT THE FISH?**



**A: YUCK! NO WAY! DON'T FISH IN POLLUTED WATERS! FISH NEED CLEAN WATER TO LIVE IN AND WE ALL NEED CLEAN WATER TO SWIM IN! CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR FISHING SITE AND DO YOUR PART TO KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN! GOT IT?**

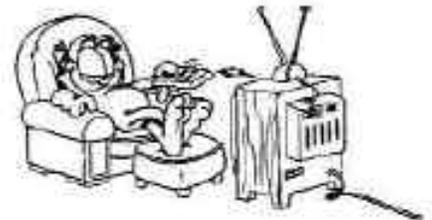
## GARFIELD'S GUIDE TO GOOD FISHING

1. ALWAYS WEAR A LIFE VEST OR OTHER TYPE OF PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE...EVEN IF YOU'RE A GOOD SWIMMER.



2. WEAR A HAT AND SUNGLASSES TO PROTECT YOU FROM FISHING HOOKS (OUCH!) AND THE SUN'S GLARE.

3. CHECK THE WEATHER REPORT.



DON'T GET CAUGHT IN A STORM AND BE ESPECIALLY WARY OF LIGHTNING! IF YOU SEE LIGHTNING, PUT DOWN YOUR ROD, SEEK SHELTER OR GET IN THE LOWEST SPOT YOU CAN FIND, LIKE A DITCH.



4. KNOW FIRST AID! IF YOU GET HOOKED, SEE A DOCTOR OR FIND A FIRST AID STATION.

5. OBEY ALL THE RULES POSTED AT THE FISHING SITE. OH YEAH, AND HAVE FUN!!!