

Trout Fishing Rigs

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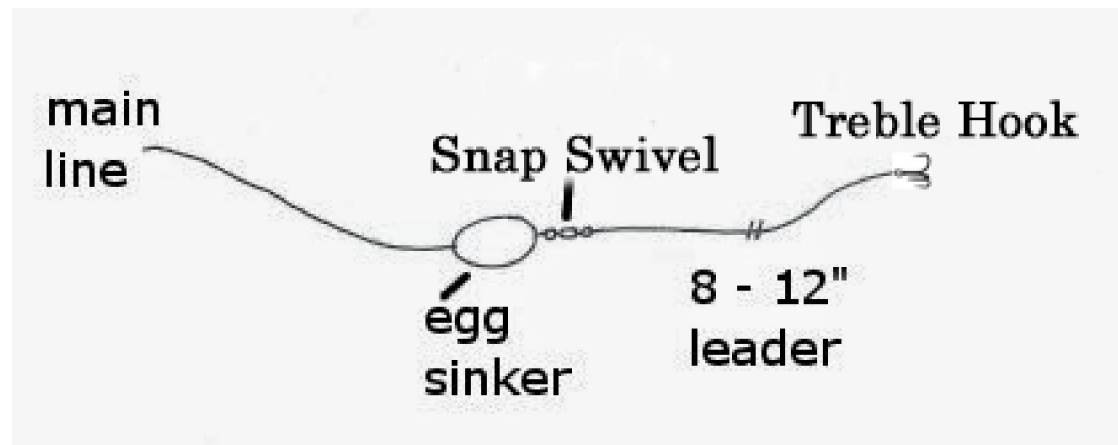
Egg Sinker and Power Bait

Use:

- 1/8 to ¼ ounce egg sinker (shaped like an egg with a hole in the middle)
- #12 snap swivel
- #14 or #16 treble hook
- 4 to 8 pound line
- Power Bait (color seems to matter but it is always different – I use yellows and oranges with and without glitter, with and without garlic sent.)

Construct as shown below. Mold Power Bait around treble hook such that it completely covers the hook but not too much more. Make sure there are no seams in the molded Power Bait to insure that it won't split apart and fall off.

The concept here is that the sinker will fall to the bottom and the treble hook with the Power Bait will float up and move with the water. The line is loose as it passes through the sinker such that the fisherman can feel the slightest touch of a fish on the bait and set the hook appropriately. If the bait is old, it won't float.



Float and Fly Rig

Use:

- #20 to #16 fly (first choice is often #18 Royal Coachman)
- #12 snap swivel
- Bead (optional to keep float from sliding over swivel)
- 1 ¼ to 2 ½ inch float that can be partially filled with water
- 4 to 8 pound line

Fill the float with water. The more water the heavier the float and the further you can cast it.

The concept here is since the line slides freely through the float, you can feel any action on the fly and set the hook appropriately.

Over the years, I have found this to be the most effective rig for catching trout in lakes other than Power Bait when the fish have been recently planted.

