Types of Sinkers

1) Pyramid — used in sandy areas, surf fishing, high current areas
2) Bank — used in soft bottom areas, shell bottom, slow current areas
3) Egg — sandy slow current areas, drifting

Types of Hooks

1) Circle
2) J-hook
3) Treble
4) Kahle
5) Jig hook

Lures

1) Jigging spoon with treble hook — used for speckled trout, gray trout (weakfish), bluefish, Spanish mackerel, dog fish — no sinker needed
2) Jig head with grub — used for speckled trout, gray trout (weakfish), flounder — no sinker needed

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Lures, hooks, sinkers and fishing line come in many shapes, sizes and colors. Knowing what rig to use is essential to a successful fishing trip.

Here are some of the most common and versatile fishing rigs to get you started:

**Bottom Rig**

**Description**
- 14-inch to 16-inch leader with barrel swivel at the top
- 3-inch to 4-inch dropper loops—choice of hook
- Snap swivel with pyramid or bank sinker

**Bait used**
- Cut bait, shrimp, squid, artificial or synthetic bait

**Likely catches**
- Black sea bass, pinfish, gray trout (weakfish), croaker, spot, bluefish, flounder, sea mullet, pigfish, oyster toadfish, sharks, sting rays

**Spec Rig**

**Description**
- 12-inch leader with a surgeon’s loop at the top
- 2 small bucktail lures
- Surgeon’s loop to attach a bank sinker one-third distance from bottom buck tail

**Bait used**
- Shrimp, squid, artificial or synthetic bait

**Likely catches**
- Gray trout (weakfish), spotted seatrout, flounder, croaker, sea mullet, spot, bluefish

**Flounder Rig**

**Description**
- 12-inch to 36-inch leader with barrel swivel at the top
- Egg sinker placed one-third distance from top with a crimp or stop to allow for movement of the sinker
- May add beads or spinners
- Hook of choice

**Bait used**
- Shrimp, squid, cut bait, mud minnows, finger mullet

**Likely catches**
- Flounder, bluefish, black sea bass, pinfish, pigfish, croaker, oyster toadfish, sharks, sting rays

**Red Drum Rig**

**Description**
- 6-inch leader with 4/0 or larger circle hook (pinch down or cut off barb)
- 2 ounce or larger egg sinker
- Beads on top and bottom of egg sinker prevent leader deterioration
- Barrel swivel at top of rig

**Bait used**
- Live or cut bait (mullet is the most common)

**Possible catches**
- Red drum, sting rays, sharks