

RIGGING BAITS FOR CIRCLE HOOKS **SKIP BAIT**

FOR: SWIM BAIT
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1 metre of netting twine
Darning needle
Bait fish: Gar, Yakka or Mullet
Base Circle Hook Rig

Step One

- * Poke eyes out of bait fish and work the bait.
- * If you are using gar, cut the beak off and 'pop' the fish ie. Squeeze it both on sides and top. The fish needs to be floppy.

Step Two

- * Thread the twine through the eye of your needle.
- * Insert the needle through an eye socket and bring it out just behind the pec fin on the opposite side of the fish. Leave about an 8" tag.



- * You now need to make two or three cross stitches depending on the size of your bait. When making the cross stitches enter the fish about a third of the way down below the backbone.
- * The end result of the cross stitches need to hold the fish firm but not restrict it's movement.
- * When you've finished the cross stitching insert the needle just behind the pec fin (opposite to the side you've already done) and out through the eye socket (opposite again)
- * Tie off under the gills with two double granny knots. This needs to be firm.
- * Take one tag end through the eyes, repeat with the other but enter from opposite side.
- * Tie off on top of the head with two double granny knots...This needs to be firm and is the towing point.
- * Don't cut the tags off.



Step Three

- The mouth needs to be tied up.
- * Cut a piece of twine, about 6" long and thread needle
 - * Gar & Mullet: Insert needle into Gill Plate and push through centre of nose. Tie off with a granny knot.

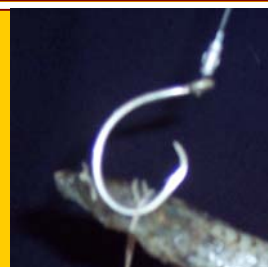
If using Yakkas.

- * Insert needle through gill plate directly in line with a nostril. Push the needle up through the nostril.
- * Insert needle through other nostril and bring out through gill plate.
- * Tie off with a double granny under the chin.



Step Four

- To attach skip Bait
- Pass the hook under the towing point on the top of the head.
- The hook needs to be as close as possible to the head of the fish
- Centre the hook and tie off with a half hitch using one of the tags.
- Repeat this process with the other tag.
- Finish process with a double granny knot.

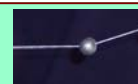


READY TO GO!



SWIM BAIT

- To convert the skip bait to a swim bait.
- Thread a no. 4 sinker onto a piece of twine.
- Thread one end through eye, repeat with other tag but through opposite eye
- Make sure the sinker is centered under the chin
- Tie firmly with two double granny knots.
- Take the longest tag end and wrap around the sinker as many times as you need to, to make the sinker stiff. Tie off with double Granny



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