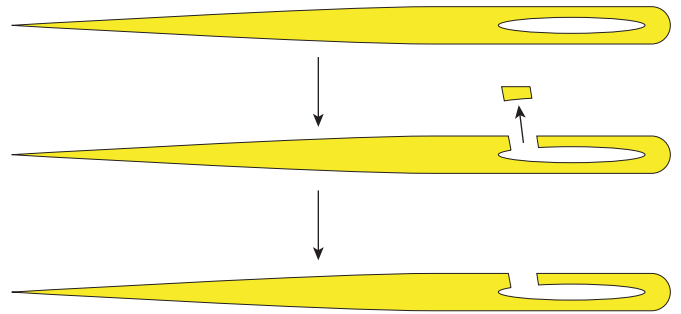


HOW TO TRAP-RIG A SWIMBAIT

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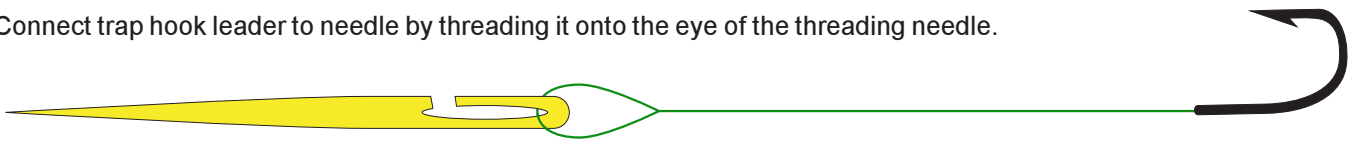
- 1) Find or make a threading needle. To make one from a regular needle file or cut a notch out of one of the sides of the eye.



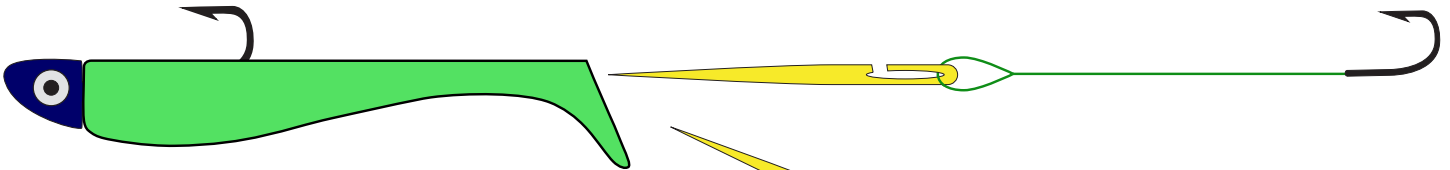
- 2) Tie a piece of braided line to your trap hook and tie a loop to the other end. 15 lb. test is adequate for most situations. The distance from the bend of the trap hook to the front of the loop should be approximately 2.25 inches.



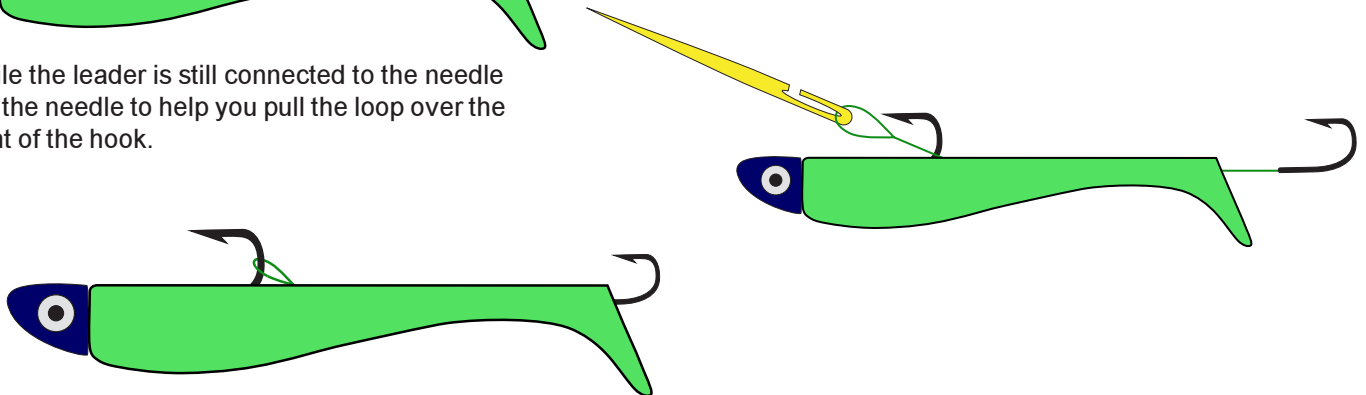
- 3) Connect trap hook leader to needle by threading it onto the eye of the threading needle.



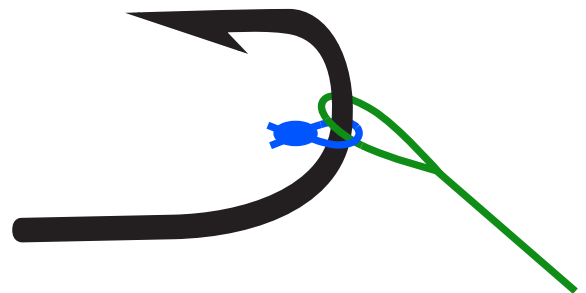
- 4) Using the needle carefully thread the leader through the swimbait starting at the tail and ending just in back of where the main hook exits the body.



- 5) While the leader is still connected to the needle use the needle to help you pull the loop over the point of the hook.



- 6) Using a separate piece of monofilament (6 - 15 lb. test), tie the loop to the shank of the hook. Be sure to go through the loop and around the shank of the hook. This is to keep the leader from slipping off of the main hook.



Supplies: 3 inch Big Hammer Swimbait, 1/4 oz. 1/0 or 3/8 oz. 2/0 Big Hammer Super Shad Jig Head, Threading Needle, 15 lb. Braided Line (heavier line may be used if necessary), 6 - 15 lb. test monofilament line, Size 6 or 8 Octopus or Mosquito hook.

Variations on this rigging method, other ways to trap-rig a swimbait, and more detailed information can be found at www.swimbait.com/trout