

Make a Soda Pop Can Fishing Reel

You don't need expensive equipment to fish. Once you learn how to tie a clinch knot and attach a split-shot sinker and bobber, you can make your own gear from an empty can!

Use your can reel to fish for crappies, sunfish and perch.

You need:

- an empty soda can
- Masking tape
- 6-8 pound fishing line, (about 50 wraps)
- fingernail clippers to cut the line
- a fishing hook
- split shot sinkers
- a bobber

Build it!

Tie one end of the line on the tab on the pop can or around the top of the can.

Securely tape the knot and the fishing line near the top of the can.

Wrap the line around the can (about 50 wraps) until you reach the last 2 feet of line.

Attach the bobber, split shot sinker and hook.

Cast off!

Unwind your line about 2 feet past the bobber

Hold the top end of the can in one hand and the bobber in on your other hand.

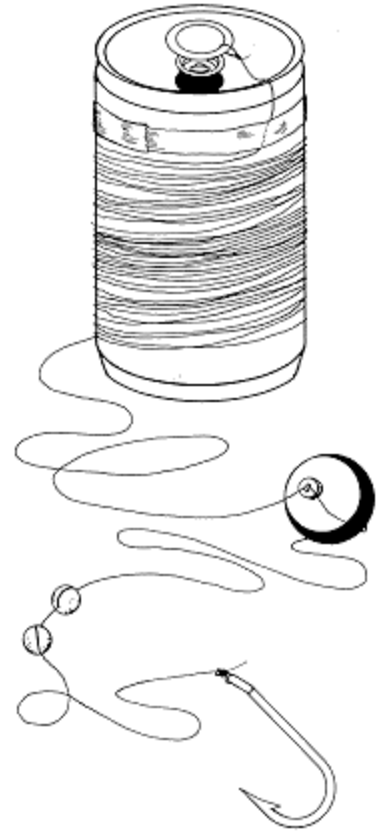
Point the bottom end of the pop can at the place in the water where you want the bobber to fall.

Toss the bobber underhand toward the water.

The rest of the line should unwind and follow.

Reel it in!

If your bobber tells you that you have a fish, give the line a quick jerk. Then wind the line around the can, keeping it tight until you can grab the fish with a net.



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