

The Texas Rig is a tried-and-true system for fishing soft-plastic baits such as worms, lizards, tubes and creature baits.

How to Rig

Slide a worm weight onto your line and tie on the worm hook of your choice. Insert the barb into the nose of your worm, lizard, creature or craw and push it about a 1/4 inch or so into the bait, then exit the body.

Slide the body over the eye of the hook, turn the hook 180 degrees, and re-insert the point. Push it all the way through, then back it off so that the hook point lies just beneath the surface of your bait. This rig is weedless, and the hook is poised to penetrate.

When To Use It

Anytime you need weedless, natural-looking bait worked slowly. You can allow the worm weight to slide freely to hold onto a light bite. When the bite gets tough the worm can rule. Spring and fall are excellent times to use it.

Where To Use It

The Texas rig excels in and around docks. Cast to shore and slowly bring it down the slope.

A Texas rig can be fished successfully through any type of cover. It performs best in shallow to moderate depths, 15'.

Suggested Equipment

Baits

Worm (4 to 7 inch)

Lizard (4 to 6 inch)

Hooks

Extra wide gap (EWG) (2/0 or 3/0)

Offset Round Bend (2/0 or 3/0)

Straight Shank Round Bend (2/0 or 3/0)

Weights

Lead Worm Weights $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce

Tungsten Worm Weights $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce (best)

Line

10 to 12 pound test

Fluorocarbon Line (advantage does not stretch and becomes invisible in water)

Monofilament Line

Braided Line (advantage does not stretch)

Rod / Reels

6' to 6'6" MH Spin or Baitcast Rod and reel