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INTRODUCTION

HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE EDGES CARP RIG GUIDE...

Over the coming pages we have drawn on the expertise of Fox's consultants from across Europe to help you master some of the most effective carp rigs on the planet. In addition we have also covered the basics of feature finding and bait application and also included illustrated diagrams of all of the key knots that are required by the modern carp angler. Whatever your carp fishing experience and wherever you live in the world there is one thing that all carp anglers share in common — we are all looking for an edge, something that can give us the upper hand not only over the carp but also our fellow anglers. We have therefore packed this guide with countless edges to help ensure that this year is your most successful ever!

We hope you enjoy it and find it useful.



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YEAR ON YEAR THE CARP WE TARGET ARE **BECOMING MORE AND MORE PRESSURED** AND THEREFORE IT HAS NEVER BEEN **MORE IMPORTANT TO ENSURE OUR RIGS** ARE AS INCONSPICUOUS AS POSSIBLE...



In order not to arouse the suspicions of wary carp it is important that you choose rig components that blend in well with the lakebed you are fishing over. During the development of the Edges range we spent countless. hours working closely with top underwater diver Rob Hughes to ensure the camouflage and colour patterns. used were the best match possible. What became very clear from Rob's findings was that no lakebed is made up of just one solid colour and that most lakeheds have many different shades. It is therefore impossible to design a product that completely matches every single lakebed, however, after hours of painstaking research and development our team of product developers managed to come up with designs that could adapt to a whole host of different lakebeds and ensure that you have a massive 'edge' when targeting rig-shy carp. These designs are Light and Dark Camo, the Light Camo being perfect for fresh weed, clay, sand and clean gravel and the Dark Camo being suited to silt, darker gravel, dving weed and debris.



Leadcore is a popular leader material as it is incredibly dense.



The suppleness of lead-free leaders makes them a great alternative to leadcore.



The ability to use a camouflaged shock/ snag leader is a massive edge.



LEADERS

When selecting a leader it is important that the product you select has good sinking properties, is limp enough to follow the contours of the lakebed, can offer resistance to abrasion and most importantly will blend in with the lakebed you are fishing over. Leadcore is perhaps the most popular style of leader due to its incredible density and great abrasion resistance. However, in recent years fisheries have started to ban the product due to misuse by some inexperienced anglers, and this has led to an increased popularity in lead-free alternatives. The beauty with lead-free leaders such as Submerge is that they are unbelievably supple yet still very dense. This means they sink like a brick and hug the contours perfectly therefore reducing the chances of a carp coming into contact with them and spooking. The Submerge leader is very easy to splice and is also very strong once spliced. The final type of leader material that you can use is a braided leader. such as the Armadillo. These braided leaders are dual purpose and can be used both as a shockleader when distance casting with heavy leads and also as a snag leader when fishing snaggy venues. Usually most snag/ shock leaders are not designed with camouflage in mind, however, the Armadillo bucks that trend and features the same Dark and Light Camo technology as the Edges Camo Leadcore, Reflex Camo and Camotex hooklink materials. So now when you need to use a snag or shockleader you can do so in complete confidence that they will not hinder your chances of success.



Colour Break Technology is used on many Edges products to greatly aid concealment.



Carry a selection of hooklink colours and patterns to cover all bases.

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When it comes to choosing a hooklink material whether it is mono, braid or coated braid it is important that you select one that will match the lakehed on which you are presenting your hookhait. In addition it is also key to have your hooklink pinned to the lakebed, which can be achieved by using Tungsten Hooklink Sinkers or Power Grip Putty.

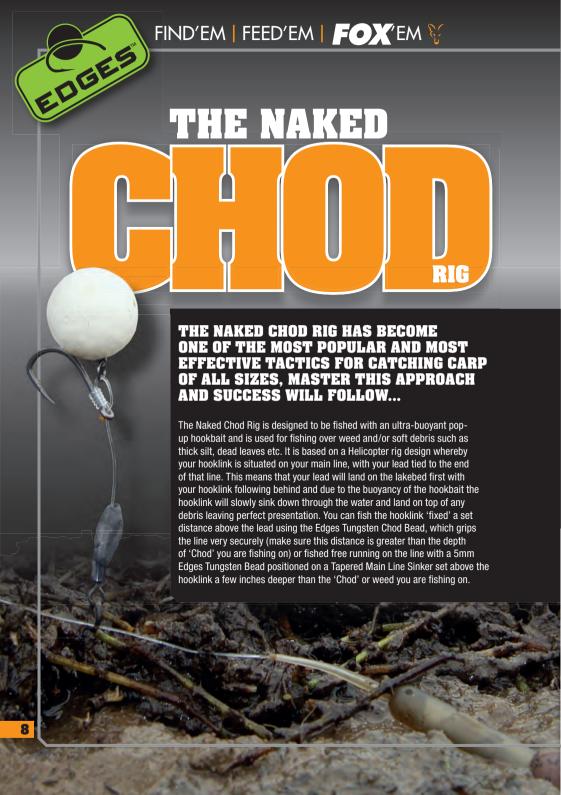
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Adding Tungsten Hooklink Sinkers to vour rigs can help to pin them to the lakebed and prevent carp spooking.











MAIN LINE COMPONENTS

When fishing the Naked Chod Rig you will simply fish your main line straight through to the lead. In order to counter balance the buoyancy of the pop-up hookbait we recommend that you use a fluorocarbon main line such as the Illusion XS as this a heavier line than monofilament. When fishing a running Naked Chod with your hooklink swivel on the main line previously you have had the risk of the swivel cutting through the line when playing a carp. However, by using the Edges Chod/Heli Buffer Sleeve you can offer your line maximum protection as the hooklink swivel slides onto the sleeve during the fight.



HOOKLINK

To create the perfect Chod hooklink you will need to use an ultra-stiff bristle filament material such as Rigidity in 20 or 25lb. You can set the length of the hooklink to your preferred choice but a good starting point is 2.5ins. At one end of the hooklink attach your hook with a knotless knot and create a 'D' Rig whilst at the other end attach a size 11 ring swivel. On the 'D' place a Mini Hook Ring Swivel, which you can then attach your hookbait to. It is important to create a nice progressive curve in your short hooklink so that it can grab hold of the bottom lip when a carp sucks it in, this is made very easy by using a Steam & Store Chod/Withy Bin, which allows you to create the perfect curve over a steaming kettle every time.

THE COMPONENTS YOU WILL REQUIRE TO CREATE A CHOD HOOKLINK.

HOW TO CREATE A CHOD HOOKLINK



Cut 4ins of Rigidity and attach a hook to one end with a knotless knot leaving a short Hair.



Place a Mini Hook Ring Swivel onto the tag of the Hair as illustrated in the image above.



Place the end of the Hair through the back of the eye of the hook to create a 'D' shape.



Carefully blob the tag end of the Hair with a lighter to set the 'D' into position.



Attach a size 11 Flexi Ring Swivel to the end of the hooklink with a 2-Turn Blood Knot.



Mould some Power Grip putty over the eye of the swivel to counter balance the pop-up.



Place the hooklink onto a Chod/Withy Bin and hold it over a steaming kettle for 4 seconds.



You have now created the perfect hooklink to be fished on a Naked Chod Rig.

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ATTACH YOUR HOOKBAIT WITH THE BLOB METHOD



Pass some floss through the swivel and thread hookbait onto floss.



Slide hookhait onto swivel so the swivel barrel plugs inside.



Carefully burn the tag ends with a lighter so they set on fire.



Blob the molten tag against the bait with the lighter to secure!

CREATE A FIXED NAKED CHOD RIG



Start by threading the tungsten bead from the Tungsten Chod Bead Kit onto the main line



Now thread your Chod Ria hooklink section (see page 9) onto the main line, as shown.



Thread the second half of the Chod Bead on. This will grip the line very tightly so add saliva to the line first.



Place the swivel of your Chod Ria hooklink onto the recess on the head as shown



Now place the two parts of the bead together, as illustrated in the image above.



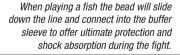
Thread the buffer sleeve from the kit onto the line with the female end towards the bead.



Tie on your lead and slide the buffer sleeve into position over the swivel of the lead.



Set the Chod Bead to the distance above the lead that you require and the 'Fixed Chod' is complete.







THE COMPONENTS
YOU WILL REQUIRE
TO CONSTRUCT A
RUNNING NAKED
CHOD RIG.



SETTING UP THE RUNNING NAKED CHOD RIG



Start by threading a 5mm Tungsten Bead onto the Illusion XS fluorocarbon main line.



Thread a Tapered Main Line Sinker onto the line and place the bead onto the sinker.



The small Chod Rig hooklink (see page 9) is then threaded onto the main line.



Next, thread one of the Edges Heli/Chod Buffer Sleeves onto the line, thin end first



Now tie your chosen lead onto the end of the main line with a 5-turn Grinner Knot.



Slide the Heli/Chod Buffer Sleeve down the line and into position over the top of the lead.



The Chod hooklink can now sit on the Heli/Chod Buffer Sleeve like so offering the line protection.



Set the top bead and sinker to your chosen depth and your Naked Chod is complete!





A Chod Rig stunner!



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ONE OF THE ALL-TIME CLASSIC 'BIG FISH' RIGS, THE HINGED STIFF RIG IS AN OUT-AND-OUT POP-UP PRESENTATION THAT CARP SIMPLY CANNOT DEAL WITH...

The Hinged Stiff was originally designed many moons ago by rig guru Mike Kayanagh and has since become popularised by many of carp fishing's biggest names. The rig works in a very similar way to the Naked Chod Rig that we have just covered and in fact the hook section of this rig is exactly the same as a Chod Rig hooklink! The difference here is that we attach a stiff boom (tied from either Camotex Stiff or Illusion fluorocarbon) of 6-8ins to the ring on the 'Chod' hooklink to give the rig a greater degree of flexibility. The boom section can then be fished in conjunction with a lead clip arrangement or as a helicopter setup depending on personal preference. The rig is at its best when fished in conjunction with a buoyant pop-up boilie hookbait over a spread of boilie free offerings.





THE COMPONENTS YOU WILL REQUIRE TO TIE A HINGED STIFF RIG.

The Hinged Stiff Rig can also be fished on a lead clip setup.



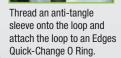
HOW TO TIE THE HINGED STIFF RIG



Start by creating a normal, stiff Chod Rig hooklink section (as illustrated on page 9).



hooklink material.





Strip away approx.

2ins of the stiff outer coating from one end of the material



Steam the stiff boom section straight over a steaming kettle as illustrated.



Attach the ring of the 'Chod' hooklink to the exposed braid with a Grinner Knot.



The Hinged Stiff Rig is now complete and ready to catch you the carp of your dreams!

Remove 2ins of coating at the other end of the boom section and tie a figureof-eight loop in the braid.

Fox's Dutch consultant Mark

Noorman is a

bia fan of the

Hinged Stiff Rig.



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Try fishing the Hinged Stiff Rig over a spread of boilie free offerings for best results.



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CARP TEND TO SPEND MUCH OF THE DAY AND INDEED NIGHT FEEDING UP IN THE WATER AWAY FROM THE LAKEBED SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO MASTER THE ZIG RIG TO CATCH THEM IN THESE AREAS!

The Zig Rig put simply is a buoyant hookbait fished directly off the lead on a long hooklink of anywhere between 1ft and up to the surface. Zig Rigs are usually tied from very fine, pre-stretched monofilament hooklinks between 10-15lb breaking strain depending on weed and snags present and most anglers tend to use hooks between sizes 8-10. The main benefit of the Zig Rig is that it enables you to present your hookbait right in front of the carp's face as they spend many hours swimming in the mid and upper layers of the water. By experimenting with fishing your rods at different depths you will eventually find the depth at which the carp are willing to feed and can then change all of your rods to that magic depth. The best hookbait to use for Zig Rigs is coloured foam, which is fished in conjunction with a Zig Aligna on your hook.

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THE COMPONENTS YOU WILL REQUIRE TO TIE AN EFFECTIVE ZIG RIG.

HOW TO TIE A ZIG RIG



Cut the hooklink to the length you require then tie your hook on with a Grinner Knot.



Take your chosen Zig Aligna and thread it onto the hooklength, thick end first.



Slide the Zig Aligna down the hooklink and then position it over the eye of the hook, like so.



Next, place your chosen colour of foam into the back of the special loading tool.



Pass the thin end of the loading tool through the loop on the Zig Aligna, as illustrated above.



Work the tool through the loop, which will grip the foam as it passes through.



The foam is now trapped inside the Aligna and can be trimmed to the size you require.

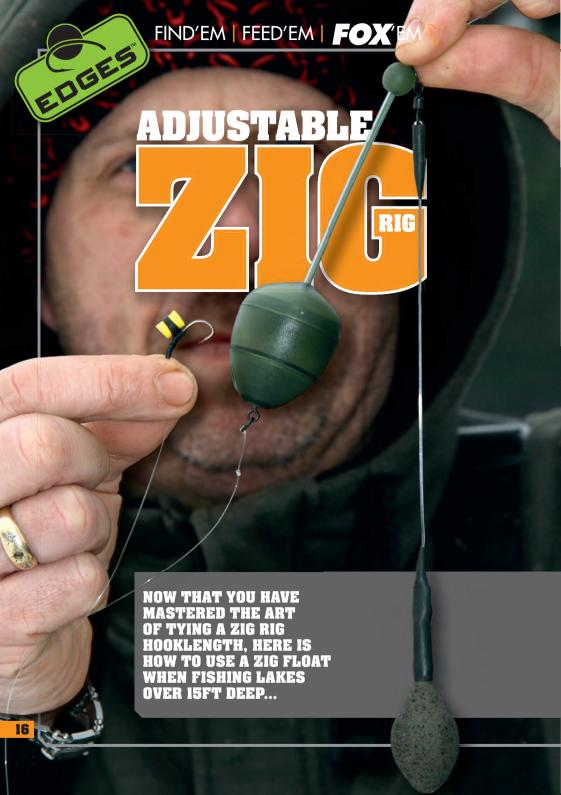


The finished Zig Rig should look just like this and is ready to catch carp up in the water.



The hookholds produced by the Zig Aligna's are awesome.







If you are fishing a lake that is less than 15ft deep then a fixed Zig Rig will be fine to use. However, should you wish to fish lakes any deeper, then casting and playing hooked carp with rigs over 15ft long can be a real nightmare. In this situation you would then need to change over to using a Zig Float to create what we call an Adjustable Zig Rig. An Adjustable Zig works on the same mechanics as a marker float, in that you can take line off of the reel and wind line onto the reel to move the float up and down through the water column. The float, however unlike a marker is fished 'inline style' with your Zig Rig hooklink (3ft long) exiting the top of the float. A great benefit of using a Zig Float is that you can adjust the depth at which your Zig Aligna hookbait is sat at without having to reel in and tie a new rig. This saves lots of time and keeps disturbance to a minimum, which is a big edge! When constructing the Adjustable Zig Rig, try using the Mini Halo Zig Float Kit, which works with leads as light as 2oz. The Mini Halo comes with different coloured tops allowing you to see the float when it rises to the surface even at long range and in poor light conditions.



Simply add line to or take off line from the reel to adjust the height your hookbait is fishing at.

HOW TO TIE AN ADJUSTABLE ZIG RIG



Start by threading the lead boom from the kit onto your main line, like so.



Next, thread the Mini Halo Zig Float onto your main line, thin end first.



Tie a Quick Change Swivel to the end of the main line with a Palomar Knot.



Now attach the lead of your choice to the bottom of the lead boom.



The hooklink and anti-tangle sleeve are attached to the swivel.



The Adjustable Zig Rig is now complete and ready for action.





The Mini Halo Adjustable Zig Float allows you to change the depth your Zig is fishing at without tying a new rig or recasting.





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ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR RIGS FOR PRESENTING SNOWMAN AND CRITICALLY BALANCED HOOKBAITS, THE BLOW BACK RIG IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF AN ANTI-EJECT PRESENTATION...

The Blow Back Rig is one of the most popular rigs in carp fishing, quite simply because over many years it has proven to be incredibly effective in helping angler's trick wary carp. This rig involves tying a small rig ring onto the Hair, which is then slid onto the hook so that it can run up and down the shank. The idea behind its mechanics is that should a carp pick up your hookbait and rig and then sense danger it will try to spit everything out, however as it spits the hookbait out the ring will slide up the shank leaving the hook still in place to grab hold of the bottom lip. In order to maximise the effectiveness of this rig we recommend that you use a long shank hook, with the Arma Point LS and Kuro S1 patterns being among the best. Our team of consultants also report that the rig is at its most effective when tied from a coated braid material such as the Coretex Matt or Camotex with the coating removed to create a supple Hair and hinged effect.







HOW TO TIE THE BLOW BACK RIG



Start by carefully cutting yourself a 10ins length of the new Camotex Soft material.



You will then need to carefully strip away 3ins of outer coating to expose the supple braid.



Now tie a simple overhand loop in the end of the exposed braid, as shown as part of the Hair.



Thread your chosen hookbaits onto the loop and secure in place with an Edges Extender Stop.



Tie a 2.5mm Kuro Coated Rig Ring 5mm above the bait with a double overhand knot.



The next step is to thread your longshank hook through the rig ring, as illustrated.



Position the ring at the top of the bend of the hook and then secure the hook with a knotless knot.



Now place a 1cm length of Trans Khaki Shrink Tube over the eye of the hook.



Carefully shrink the tubing down over the steam from a boiling kettle to create a 'kicker'.



Add a couple of blobs of Power Grip tungsten putty to the hooklink to help pin it down.



The Blow Back Rig is now complete and ready to be cast out to trick those rig-shy carp.



Try substituting the shrink tube for a Fox Line Aligna Adaptor to save time.



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THE WITHY POOL RIG IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE STRANGEST LOOKING RIGS IN MODERN CARP FISHING, BUT WHEN A CARP SUCKS IT IN IT VERY RARELY SPITS IT OUT WITHOUT GETTING HOOKED!

Top carper Steve Renyard, invented the Withy Pool Rig back in the late 1980's when he was trying to outwit the very tricky carp that resided in the historic Withy Pool fishery in Bedfordshire. The rig was incredibly effective for Steve and his friends and over the past 25-years has grown a reputation as one of the very best anti-eject pop-up rigs ever designed. The rig is particularly effective when fishing a boilie-only approach and tends to be more suited to tricking carp in excess of 20lb as it does represent a big mouthful for a carp to suck in (part of what makes it so hard to eject). The basic design of the Withy Pool involves using a long piece of shrink tube to create a large curve in the shank of the hook almost creating a circle hook effect. Creating the curve in the shrink tube can be a little fiddly and also time consuming so these days the vast majority of anglers opt to use a pre-formed sleeve such as Fox's Withy Pool Adaptors.





THE COMPONENTS
THAT WE
RECOMMEND
THAT YOU USE TO
TIE THIS RIG.

HOW TO TIE THE WITHY POOL RIG



Cut 8ins of Coretex Matt and remove 2.5ins of outer coating from one end.



Tie your size 6 Arma Point SSSP hook to the exposed braid with a 5-Turn Grinner Knot.



Thread the large ring of a Mini Hook Ring Swivel onto the shank of the hook.



Now place an Edges Hook Bead onto the shank of the hook into the position shown.



You will then need to thread a Withy Pool Adaptor onto a splicing needle, like so.



Slide the Withy Pool Adaptor down the rig and into position over the eye of the hook.



Mould some Power Grip Putty around the serrations on the bottom of the Adaptor.



Attach your chosen popup using the 'Blob' method illustrated on page 10 and the rig is complete.

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EDGES RIG

IF YOU ARE TARGETING PRESSURED CARP THAT HAVE SEEN EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK THEN YOU NEED TO TRY THE 360 RIG AS IT IS ONE OF THE BEST ANTI-EJECT RIGS EVER DESIGNED...

This rig gets its name from the fact that your hook is free to spin a full 360 degrees. It makes the rig incredibly flexible and with so much movement it is very hard for a carp to spit your hookbait out without the hook grabbing hold of some part of its lip. The 360 degree movement in the rig produced by placing the small eve of a size 11 Flexi Ring Swivel onto the shank of the hook (your Coretex Matt hooklink is then attached to the ring on the eye at the other end of the swivel). The swivel can not only fully rotate around the shank of the hook but also the swivel itself spins giving incredible degrees of flexibility. In addition the swivel can also move up and down the shank of the hook too, which adds vet another dimension of flexibility to the rig and further increases its hooking capabilities. The rig was primarily designed to be fished with a pop-up hookbait but many anglers have also found great success when using it with snowmen and balanced bottom baits too.





THE COMPONENTS THAT WE RECOMMEND FOR TYING THE 360 RIG.

HOW TO TIE THE 360 RIG



Cut 10ins of Coretex Matt and attach one end to a size 11 Flexi Ring Swivel with a Grinner Knot.



Take your size 6 Arma Point LSC hook and hook it through the small ring on the swivel, like so.



Next, take an Edges Hook Bead and thread it onto the shank of the hook into this position.



Slide a Medium Pear Rig Ring onto the shank followed by another Hook Bead and position like so.



Tie your chosen pop-up hookbait onto the rig ring with some Bait Floss.



Add a couple of blobs of Power Grip putty to the hooklink and your 360 Rig is complete.





EJECTION

THERE WILL BE
SEVERAL ANGLING
SITUATIONS WHERE
EJECTING YOUR LEAD
WILL INCREASE YOUR
CHANCES OF LANDING A
CARP. HERE WE SHOW
YOU WHY TO DO IT AND
MORE IMPORTANTLY
HOW TO DO IT...

Your lead weight is essential for helping you to cast your baited rig a long way and to also help to set your hook when a carp picks it up. However, there will be times when the lead will be prohibitive and therefore in certain circumstances the ability to eject the lead after a carp is hooked can be a real bonus. For example when fishing on venues that contain snags such as sunken trees or lily pads your lead can get caught up in the branches/stems and prevent you from being able to reel the fish in. Therefore if you can eject your lead when it comes into contact with the snags your chances of landing the fish will be greatly increased. In addition on venues with lots of weed it can pay to eject the lead on the take and to fish 'locked up' so no line can be taken. By fishing in this manner 9 times out of 10 the carp will rise up to the surface of the lake above the thick weed, which again makes it far easier to play and land them. Another situation where ejecting the lead can be an advantage is when using long Zig Rigs say of 5ft+. Having a heavy lead swinging around whilst playing a carp under the rod tip can at times be problematic and increase the chances of a hook pull occurring, so many anglers prefer to eject the lead on the take to eliminate this risk. It may sound an expensive way of fishing to lose a lead but surely that price is worth paying if it means you can land a carp nice and safely? There are several setups that you can use to eject your lead and here will detail three safe and effective methods available in the Edges range...

LEAD CLID

Perhaps the most commonly used lead ejection method; the lead clip not only has the bonus of ejecting the lead but also enables you to change your lead size and shape at the drop of hat. A lead clip is basically a plastic clip with an arm onto which you slide your chosen lead. You then place a tail rubber over the back of the clip and arm to ensure that the lead cannot eject on the cast. Depending on how far on you push the tail rubber will dictate how much pressure is required to eiect the lead. Within the Edges range you will find two makes of lead clip - the standard Safety Lead Clip, which works with a size 7 swivel and the more compact Slik Lead Clip, which works with a smaller size 10 swivel The Slik version has no serrations on the back of the clip and therefore will eject the lead under far less pressure than the

> THE COMPONENTS THAT YOU WILL REQUIRE TO CREATE A LEAD CLIP SETUP.

HOW TO SET UP A LEAD CLIP

Safety Lead Clip, and therefore is best to use when you want to eject the lead on the take.



Start by attaching a swivel onto the end of vour leader (here we are using Submerge).



Push the T-peg in until vou hear it click into position. This holds the clip in place.



Next, thread a lead clip onto the Submerge leader using a gate latch



The next step is to then thread one of the tail rubbers onto the Submerge leader.



Position the lead clip over the swivel so the hole lines up with the swivel eve.



Attach your chosen lead onto the arm of the lead clip so that it sits in the recess, as shown.



Take one of the supplied T-peas supplied with the lead clip and place it into the hole.



Finally position the tail rubber over the back of the clip and arm and you are ready.





THE COMPONENTS THAT YOU WILL REQUIRE TO CONSTRUCT THIS **SETUP (WE HAVE CHOSEN CAMO** LEADCORE FOR THE LEADER).

INLINE LEAD DROD-OFF

As the use of solid PVA bags continues to grow in popularity, so does the use of inline leads, which are the preferred lead of choice for such a tactic A drawback of an inline lead however, is that they are designed to be fished running on the line and therefore cannot be ejected. That of course is unless you incorporate the new Inline Drop-Off Kit. which forms part of the impressive Edges range from Fox. This setup is very quick and effective and can be used on main line fished straight through or on an Armadillo braided leader. Submerge lead-free leader or on the more traditional leadcore leader

HOW TO SET UP THE INLINE LEAD DROP-OFF RIG



Attach an Edges Kwik Change Inline Drop-Off Swivel to one end of your leader.



Next, thread one of the inserts from the Inline Drop-Off Kit onto your leader.



Take an Inline Flat Pear lead, remove the soft rubber insert and cut off the thin tail.



Now place the thick 'arommet' over the eve of the swivel on your leader as shown here.



Place the 'grommet' complete with swivel into the wider end of the inline lead. like so.



Run the leader around the outside of the lead and place in the insert into the top of the lead.



You can then slide one of the tail rubbers supplied in the Drop-Off Kit over the insert.



Attach vour chosen hooklink and vour inline drop off setup is ready for action.



TOPENA By removing the tail rubber from the insert vou will drastically reduce the amount of pressure

required to eject the lead.



HELICOPTER DROP-OFF

One of the age old problems of using a Helicopter-style lead setup has been the lack of ability to eject the lead. This problem has been further highlighted by anglers using the Chod Rig, as this rig offers unrivalled presentation for fishing in and around thick weed, however, due to the lead not ejecting can cause problems when trying to land a hooked carp. This headache is now a thing of the past, thanks to a clever design in the Edges range. Both the Chod/Heli Buffer Sleeve and Tungsten Chod Bead Kit have a small hole in the side of the buffer sleeve that sits over the lead. This small hole enables the angler to set both systems up in a manner that allows the lead to be ejected.



HERE WE SHOW YOU HOW TO EJECT THE LEAD USING THE CHOD/HELI BUFFER SLEEVE.

HOW TO SET UP A HELICOPTER DROP-OFF



Thread your top bead, hooklink and Heli/Chod Buffer Sleeve onto your main line (see page 11).



Now tie a Heavy Duty 0 Ring to the end of the main line with a Palomar Knot (see page 39).



Tie 2-3cm of overhand looped Armadillo braid onto the 0 Ring, as illustrated above.



Thread the Armadillo loop through the eye of the swivel on your chosen lead, like so.



Place a gate latch baiting needle through the hole in the side of the buffer sleeve.



Hook the loop of Armadillo braid and bring it back through the hole, as shown.



Cut a small section of High Riser dissolvable foam nugget and roll it up tightly.



Place the rolled up nugget into the loop and your rig is ready to take the hardest of casts.





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Once the High Riser has melted the lead will be free to eject under sufficient pressure from a hooked fish.





SOLID

AT THE START OF 2012 FOX LAUNCHED THE RAPIDE LOAD PVA BAG SYSTEM AND IT REVOLUTIONISED THE WAY THAT CARP ANGLERS FISH WITH SOLID PVA BAGS...

For many years solid PVA bags have been underused compared to PVA mesh due to how tricky and time consuming they were to construct. However, the Rapide Load PVA Bag System has now meant that this tactic is as fast and easy to use as mesh and as a result solid PVA bag fishing has never been more popular! The most common way to fish a solid PVA bag is to place the lead, hooklink and hookbait inside the bag itself along with some free offerings, such as micro pellets and boilie crumb. Due to the fact that the lead and hooklink are inside the bag there is absolutely no chance of tangles occurring, which is a massive edge in itself. In addition when the PVA melts you are left with a small pile of free feed with your hookbait sat on top, like a cherry on a cake, just waiting for a carp to suck it in.



HOW TO TIE A SOLID PVA BAG



The Rapide Load PVA Bag System makes this job easier than ever before.



Start by placing your rig and free offerings into the PVA bag.



Next, twist the loading tool and bag in opposite directions.



Push the tool on top of the bag and lick the top section turning the bag as you do so.



Push the tool down over the bag to transfer the sticky wet side to the dry outer of the bag.



Remove the tool, lick and stick the corner of the bag over and it is ready for action.

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Ready-tied PVA Bag Rigs can save you time on the bank.









HOW TO TIE A MESH BAG



Start by adding your chosen PVA-friendly bait to the dispenser.



Now tightly twist the PVA directly above your bait to compact it.



Secure the bag shut by tying an overhand knot in the twisted section



Next, tie a second overhand knot just above the first one, as shown in the above image.



Take a sharp pair of scissors and carefully cut the PVA between the two knots.



You have now created a simple, yet highly effective PVA mesh bag of free offerings.

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The addition of a PVA stick or bag to your rig will help to prevent tangles, aid presentation and increase attraction around your hookbait.



PVA STICKS

As the popularity of PVA grew many switched on anglers began to experiment with the baits that they used inside the mesh. One tactic that has become very popular and that is used by many of Fox's top consultants is the use of oily groundbait to create what is commonly known as a 'PVA Stick'. This is basically constructed using a narrow PVA mesh such as the Fox Super Narrow and is made by placing a small amount of oily groundbait into the PVA dispenser. You then take the plunger that is supplied with the PVA Mesh kit and compress the oily groundbait inside the dispenser. The PVA is then tied off and the stick threaded down your hooklink using a long gate latch needle such as the Stix Needle.

Due to the groundbait being so compact it explodes once the PVA starts to melt in the water leaving a fluffy pile of attractive mix around the hookbait.



Compressing a small amount of oily groundbait with a plunger inside the dispenser...





DURING THE WARMER MONTHS YOUR BEST CHANCE OF CATCHING CARP WILL OFTEN BE BY FISHING FOR THEM WITH BAITS ON THE SURFACE, SO **MASTERING FLOATER FISHING CAN BE A BIG EDGE!**

Quite surprisingly there are still many carp anglers that do not include surface fishing into their angling armoury, which is a shame as there is no doubt that they are missing out! Carp love the sun and tend to take every opportunity to rise up in the water and bask under the sun's rays. This means they can spend hours on end on the surface and therefore fishing baits on the lakebed or even mid-water on Zigs can often be fruitless. In these situations you really are much better

off using a controller float and floating hookbait such as a piece of trimmed down cork or a whittled down pop-up boilie and presenting a bait right where they are. It is worth noting that carp can often be a little cautious when up on top, so it is recommended that you spend some time feeding them with free offerings such as floating dog or cat biscuits until they are eating with confidence before casting the baited rig out.



HOW TO SET UP FOR SURFACE FISHING



Start by threading a Bolt Bubble controller float onto some 10lb main line.



Now attach your main line to a size 10 Quick Change Swivel with a Palomar Knot (see page 39)



Now tie a 5ft hooklength from 12lb Zig + Floater Hooklink attaching the hook with a knotless knot.



Thread a piece of trimmed down cork ball onto the Hair and secure in place with a bait stop.



Tie an overhand loop in the other end of the hooklink and thread an anti-tangle sleeve onto it.



Attach the hooklink to the quick change swivel and slide the anti-tangle sleeve over it.





(Above and below)
The use of a specialist rod and reel set up will be a big benefit when targeting carp on the top.



EDGES

ONE OF THE BIGGEST EDGES YOU CAN HAVE IN YOUR CARP FISHING IS THE SKILL OF WATERCRAFT AND THE ABILITY TO LOCATE **FEATURES THAT CARP WILL** RE WILLING TO FEED ON...

The art of feature finding is not something that can be learned overnight or simply by reading this quide. This is a skill that develops over years of practice and as you become more experienced you will grow a natural feeling for it. However, in order to master the art of feature finding it is important that you have the correct tools and use them in the correct way. Key to this is a marker rod and marker float plus a reel that is spooled up with specialist braided main line. The braided main line had no stretch and so as you pull the lead of your marker setup along the lakebed it will transmit every little hump and bump back to your rod tip. Then once you have found something that feels interesting you can simply count the float to the surface 1ft at a time (achieved by letting line from your reel using free spool or clutch) to gauge the depth of water.



SILT.

Silt can be either very thick in which case you will feel a steady resistance on your lead as you pull it along the lakebed. Your lead will also often come in smelling rather foul and this is a giveaway that the silt is thick and not very pleasant — an area worth avoiding! Silt can also be very hard and smooth and your lead will glide over it like a pane of glass. This clean silt is the perfect place to position a bait and often a favourite feeding area of a carp. In fact if you can locate a smooth, hard area of silt either next to gravel or weed this can be a real hotspot and is the type of feature that most Fox consultants are looking for on venues.



Smell your lead to see whether you are fishing on clean or dirty silt.

HOW TO SETUP A MARKER FLOAT



The components you require to create a marker float setup.



Start by threading the lead boom from the Exocet kit onto your braided main line.



Next, thread two buffer beads from the kit onto the braided line like so.



You will then need to attach the Exocet marker float to the line with a 5-turn Grinner Knot.



Slide the buffer beads back down the line and into the following positions.



Attach the Explorer Feature Finding Lead to the bottom of the lead boom and the setup is complete.

WEED

Weed is another feature that is easy to locate with a marker rod as you will feel the lead lock up and struggle to retrieve it initially. With steady pressure the lead should pull free but when you reel it in there should still be strands of weed around the lead that give away its presence. If you wish to fish in the weed then a Chod Rig is ideal as it allows you to fish on top of the weed, however, most people prefer to fish a clear area next to thick weed, and so in this instance you could revert back to the standard bottom bait rig.

GRAVEL

This feature is the most obvious to feel for as you will experience a sharp tap, tap, tap sensation on

your rod tip as the lead runs over the little stones. Many lakes have gravel bars and seams and these areas can often be shallower than the areas around them and are major holding areas for carp. The bottom here is often very clean and hard so if you fish on gravel it is often better to use a bottom bait or snowman rather than a blatant high pop-up.

TOPEDEE

Braided main line has no stretch so is far more sensitive when feature finding.





THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TOOLS AT YOUR DISPOSAL FOR INTRODUCING SOME FREE FEED IN AND AROUND THE AREA YOU WISH TO FISH YOUR HOOKBAIT - LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THESE...



CATADIII.T

The catapult is perhaps the most commonly used baiting tool, which is no surprise it is definitely the easiest to master. Catapults come in all manner of shapes and sizes and within the Fox range you will find catapults that have been especially designed for groundbait balls, pellets, particles and boilies. Catapults are a very accurate way of baiting but do have a limit of 50-60yds really but at short to medium range they do allow you to get bait out very quickly.



The catapult is great for introducing feed with accuracy at short-medium range.

SDAN

Spods are a fantastic tool and enable you to bait very accurately with all manner of baits at ranges in excess of 150yds. Within the Fox Exocet Spod range you will find three types of spod to suit the situation you are faced with. By using the line clip on your spod reel and picking a mark on the horizon after a bit of practice you will be able to land spod after spod on the same area to create a tight patch of free offerings. When it comes to creating a spod mix the only limit is your imagination!



Spods can be used to bait accurately with all manner of baits at all ranges.

HOW TO CREATE A SIMPLE SPOD MIX



Start by adding some freshly prepared hemp into a bucket.



Now add some golden grains of sweetcorn to the hemp.



Add some of your favourite boilies in whole and crumbed form.



Give it all a mix and you have a very simple yet effective spod mix.

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THROWING STICK

Throwing sticks are not the easiest tool to get to grips with but after a bit of practice it will become second nature. This item is designed specifically for baiting with boilies and is best suited for range of 50-100yds. They are perfect for creating a spread of boilies across your targeted area, which gets the carp moving between each mouthful, which can make them easier to hook.



Once mastered you can use the throwing stick to create a spread of boilies at medium-long range.







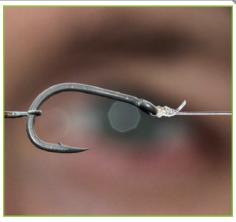
HERE IS A MINI-GUIDE ON HOW TO TIE THE KEY KNOTS NEEDED FOR DAY-TO-DAY CARP FISHING...





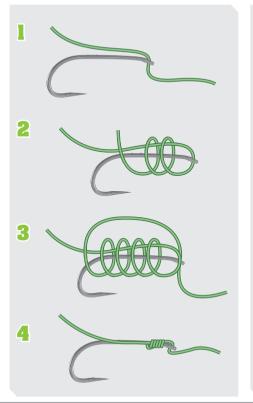
KNOTLESS KNOT

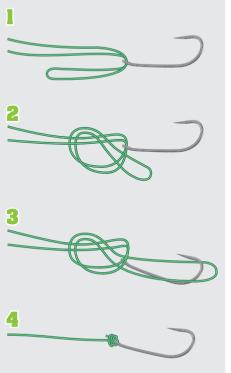
This is the most common knot for attaching your hook when creating a Hair Rig and works with all hooklink materials...



PALOMAR KNOT

Ideal when attaching either hooks or swivels to monofilament or fluorocarbon line as it doesn't weaken the line like other knots do...

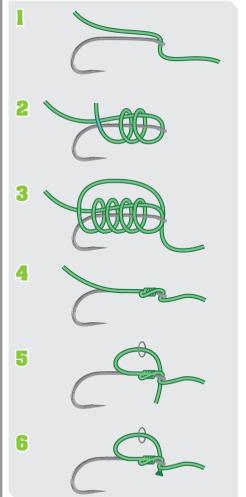






D RIG

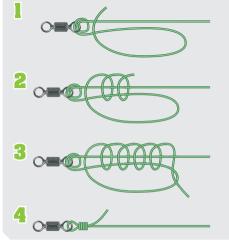
The D Rig is used primarily for pop-up rigs with stiff materials such as Rigidity bristle filament when creating a Chod Rig hooklink...





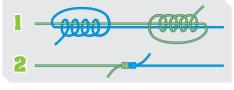
GRINNER KNOT

One of the most common knots used for attaching line and hooklinks to swivels as it is very strong and reliable...



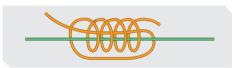
BACK TO BACK GRINNER KNOT

Great for attaching a leader to your main line...



MARKER KNOT

Ideal for attaching the Edges Marker Elastic to your line...







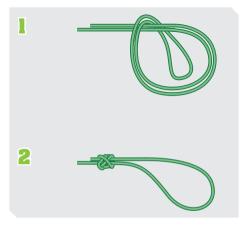
OVERHAND-LOOP

Often used by anglers to create the loop in the end of their Hair rig on a knotless knot...



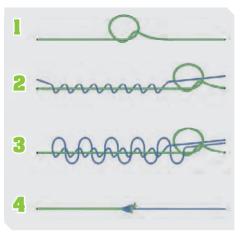
FIGURE-OF-EIGHT LOOP KNOT

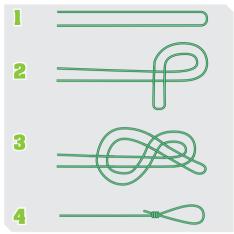
A very strong loop knot that is often used in the end of a rig when using quick-change clips...



TAPERED LEADER KNOT

Another great knot should you need to attach a shock leader to your main line when distance casting...

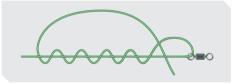






BLOOD KNOT

The easiest knot to tie in stiff bristle filament when attaching a swivel on a Chod Rig hook section...





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HOOKLINKS

CORETEX™ MATT





Coretex Matt Weedy Gree	n 15lb - 20m
Coretex Matt Weedy Gree	n 20lb – 20m
Coretex Matt Weedy Gree	n 25lb – 20m
Coretex Matt Weedy Gree	n 35lb – 20m
Coretex Matt Gravelly Bro	own 15lb - 20m
Coretex Matt Gravelly Bro	own 20lb - 20m
Coretex Matt Gravelly Bro	own 25lb - 20m
Coretex Matt Gravelly Bro	wn 35lb - 20m

CAMOTEX™ SOFT





CAC440	Comotex Soft Light 15lb – 20m
CAC441	Camotex Soft Light 20lb - 20m
CAC442	Comotex Soft Light 25lb – 20m
CAC446	Camotex Soft Dark 15lb - 20m
CAC447	Camotex Soft Dark 20lb - 20m
CAC448	Camotex Soft Dark 25lb - 20m

CAMOTEX™ STIFF





CAC437	Camotex Stiff Light 15lb – 20m
CAC438	Camotex Stiff Light 20lb – 20m
CAC439	Camotex Stiff Light 25lb - 20m
CAC443	Camotex Stiff Dark 15lb - 20m
CAC444	Camotex Stiff Dark 20lb - 20m
CAC445	Camotex Stiff Dark 25lb - 20m

REFLEX™ CAMO





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CAC449	Reflex Camo Light 15llb - 20m	
CAC450	Reflex Camo Light 25lb - 20m	
CAC451	Reflex Camo Light 35lb - 20m	
CAC452	Reflex Camo Dark 15lb - 20m	
CAC453	Reflex Camo Dark 25lb - 20m	
CAC454	Reflex Camo Dark 35lb - 20m	



LEADERS

ARMADILLOTM





CAC455	Armadillo Light 30lb - 20m	
CAC456	Armadillo Light 45lb – 20m	
CAC457	Armadillo Dark 30lb - 20m	11/0
CAC458	Armadillo Dark 45lb - 20m	80

CAMO LEADCORE



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Camo Leadcore Light 45lb - 7m	
Camo Leadcore Light 45lb – 25m	
Camo Leadcore Dark 45lb - 7m	
Camo Leadcore Dark 45lb - 25m	
	Camo Leadcore Light 45lb – 25m Camo Leadcore Dark 45lb – 7m

SUBMERGE™ LEAD FREE LEADER



CAC463	Submerge Weedy Green 30lb – 10m
CAC464	Submerge Weedy Green 45lb – 10m
CAC465	Submerge Gravelly Brown 30lb – 10m
CAC466	Submerge Gravelly Brown 45lb – 10m

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TERMINAL TACKLE





SHRINK TIIRE

CAC474 Shrink Tube XS 1.4 - 0.6 Trans Khaki
CAC475 Shrink Tube S 1.8 - 0.7 Trans Khaki



TADPOLE MULTI BEAD

CAC476 Tadpole Multi Bead x 10 Trans Khaki





LEAD CLIPS & PEGS

CAC477 Size 7 Lead Clips + Pegs Trans Khaki
CAC479 Size 10 Slik Lead Clips + Pegs Trans Khaki





HOOK BEAD

CAC482 Hook Bead x 25 Size 2-6 Trans Khaki
CAC483 Hook Bead x 25 Size 7-10 Trans Khaki



MARKER ELASTIC

CAC484 Marker Elastic x 20m Red





LEAD CLIPS & TAIL RUBBERS

CAC478 Size 7 Lead Clip Tail Rubbers Trans Khaki
CAC480 Size 10 Slik Lead Clip Tail Rubbers Trans Khaki



TERMINAL TACKLE





KWIK CHANGE SWIVELS

CAC485 Kwik Change Swivels Size 7 x 10
CAC486 Kwik Change Swivels Size 10 x 10



EXTENDING BOILIE PROPS

CAC497 Extending Boilie Props x 2 Clear





INLINE LEAD SWIVELS

CAC494 Kwik Change Drop Off Swivel Size 7 x 8
CAC495 Double Ring Swivel Size 7 x 8



ANTI TANGLE SLEEVES

CAC481 Anti Tangle Sleeves x 25 Trans Khaki



DROP OF INLINE LEAD KIT

CAC487 Drop of Inline Lead Kit x 5 Insert





O RING

CAC493 Kwik Change 0 Ring x 10
CAC496 Heavy Duty 0 Ring x 15

EDGES ERMINAL TACKLE



CHOD / HELI BUFFER SLEEVE

CAC490 Chod / Heli Buffer Sleeve x 6





SINKERS

CAC491 Tungsten Hooklink Sinker x 9 CAC492 Tapered Main Line Sinker x 9



5MM TUNGSTEN BEADS

CAC489 5mm Tungsten Beads x 15



TUNGSTEN CHOD BEAD KIT

CAC488 Tungsten Chod Bead Kit x 6



ZIG ALIGNA RANGE

CAC467	Zig Aligna Kit (6 x Sleeves, Tool and 3 x Foam)
CAC468	Zig Aligna Sleeves x 8 Red
CAC469	Zig Aligna Sleeves x 8 Yellow
CAC470	Zig Aligna Sleeves x 8 Black
CAC471	Zig Aligna Foam x 3 Red
CAC472	Zig Aligna Foam x 3 Yellow
CAC473	Zig Aligna Foam x 3 Black





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