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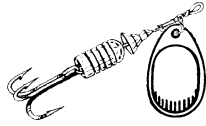
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Making Your Own French Spinners

Follow the six basic steps shown below and you will quickly become a spinner making expert.

Using a Pair of Needle or Round Nose Pliers

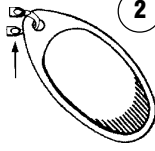
When making spinners using this method use a purchased "open loop" wire shaft with one end straight and the other end with an open loop as shown or make your own using a wire former.



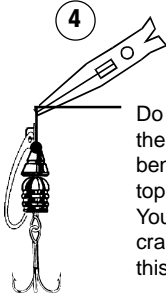
1 Place hook in eye of open wire shaft. Pinch the two ends together and slip the desired spinner body over both ends. Now slide any remaining spinner body component(s) down the shaft. With small spinners you may have to trim the short end of the spinner shaft a little.



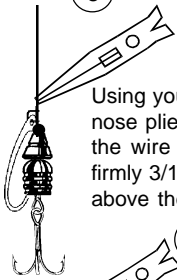
2 Apply any die cut prism tape to the blade. Now slide the clevis in the blade hole. Slide the wire shaft through the holes in the clevis, making sure the concave side of the blade faces the spinner body.



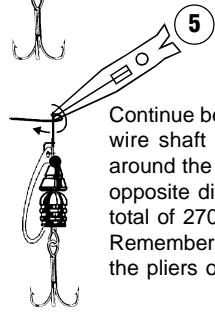
4 Do not twist the pliers. Hold the pliers still and slowly bend the wire shaft over the top of the pliers 90 degrees. You may wish to slide a crane swivel on the shaft at this time.



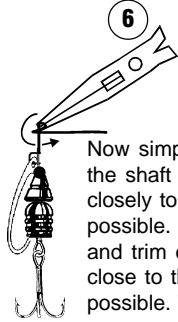
3 Using your needle nose pliers grab the wire shaft firmly 3/16" to 1/4" above the clevis.



5 Continue bending the wire shaft down and around the pliers in the opposite direction. A total of 270 degrees. Remember do not move the pliers only the wire.



6 Now simply wrap around the shaft two times, closely to the pliers as possible. Remove pliers and trim excess wire as close to the shaft as possible. That's it.



Parts Check List For Making French Spinners

Size	Hook	Body	Bearing	Clevis	Blade Size	Shaft
No. 0	10 or 8	P	1 or 3/32"	1	0 French	0.024"
No. 1	8 or 6	B,J	1 or 1/8"	1	1 French	0.024"
No. 2	6	B,A	1 or 1/8"	1	2 French	0.024"
No. 3	6 or 4	E,J	1 or 1/8"	2	3 French	0.026"
No. 4	4	F	1/8"	2	4 French	0.030"
No. 5	2	F,A,	1/8"	3	5 French	0.030"
No. 6	2 or 1/0	11/32",F,A	1/8"	3	6 French	0.030"

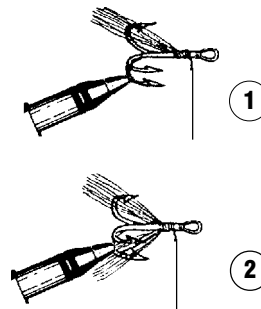
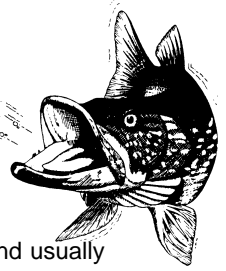
The 3/32" and 1/8" bearing beads used may be solid brass or hollow metal.



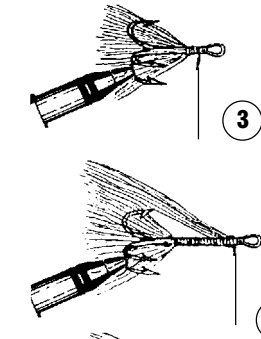
Use stirrup clevises when making French Spinners.

Tying Your Own Monster Bucktail Trebles

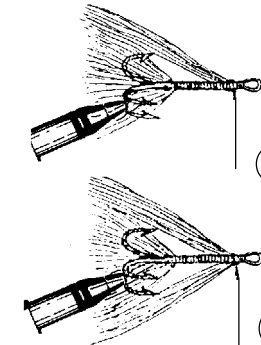
Large pike and musky spinners are not much without a large bucktail dressed treble on the end of the spinner. These large dressed hooks add much bulkiness and colour to the spinner. Tying large bucktail dressed trebles can be a little tricky at first and usually requires a little practice.



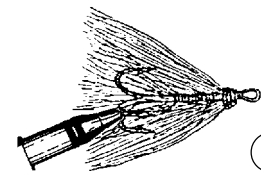
(1) Cover the hook shank with thread and head cement to form a bed for the hair. Tie on small bunches of hair letting them slip around the shank. Work plenty of head cement into each small bunch of hair after it has been tied on.



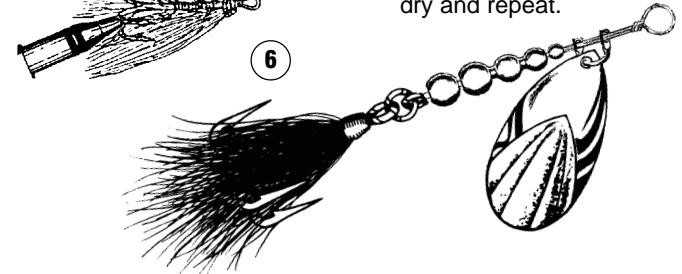
(2)&(3) Tie on additional bunches of hair until you have a complete collar of hair around the hook shank.



(4)&(5) For a larger and heavier bucktail add a second collar ahead of the first collar.



(6) Work plenty of head cement over the thread winding, let dry and repeat.



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