

Real Pro's Tip Sheet

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Making Your Own Walleye Harnesses

Simply follow the basic steps shown below and you will quickly become a spinner harness making expert.



Blade Styles

Here are the 4 most popular blades used on walleye harnesses.



Hatch Blade



Colorado Blade



Indiana Blade



Willowleaf Blade

Hook Styles

Here are the most popular hook styles found on walleye harnesses.



Eagle Claw 080
Plain Shank Hook



Eagle Claw 181
Bait Holder



Eagle Claw L183/L194
Walleye/Steelhead Hook



Eagle Claw L144
Wide Gap Hook



Eagle Claw 214 Aberdeen
Minnow Hook

Assembling Your Harness

Now for the fun stuff. First decide which hook(s), blades, and beads you will be using and whether you will be using nylon coated wire or monofilament. If you will be using wire you may prefer to use connection sleeves instead of tying the knots. If using monofilament it is recommended that you use the lightest line as is practical for the conditions you will be fishing.

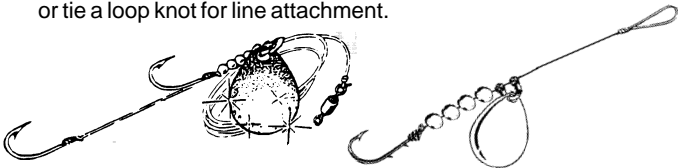
1. Cut your line approximately one foot longer than finished rig will be. Snell on your preferred hook(s).

2. Slide on beads in your preferred colours.



"Folded
Clevis"

3. Using a folded clevis, slide on spinner blade and attach crane swivel or tie a loop knot for line attachment.



Parts Check List For Making Walleye Harnesses

Assorted Spinner Blades

Assorted Hooks

Assorted Beads (#4, #5, #6 most popular)

Crane Swivels (#10 black most popular)

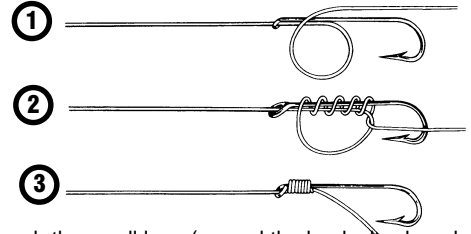


Snelling Hooks to Line

When making spinner harnesses, attaching the hook(s) is usually the trickiest part. Here are three simple methods.

The Uni-Snell (Good for single hook harnesses)

The uni-knot has many uses such as snells, joining lines, and tying bobber stops. The major disadvantage with the uni snell is that it is rather difficult to use if you want to gang two or more hooks on a harness.



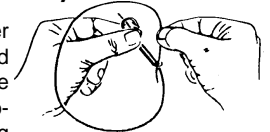
1. Thread the line through the hook eye about 8 inches.
2. Make 5 to 8 turns through the small loop (around the hook shank and line) Close the knot by pulling the tag end.
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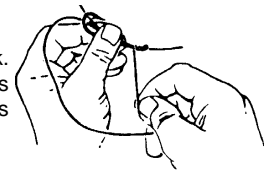
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The Easy-Snell (Good for multi-hook harnesses)

1. Cut your line approximately one foot longer than the finished rig will be. Now insert one end of the line through the eye of hook just past the barb. Pass the other end through eye in opposite direction, leaving a large loop hanging down.



2. While holding both lines along hook shank. Use line hanging from eye to wind tight coils around shank and both lines from eye towards barb. Make 5 to 10 coils.



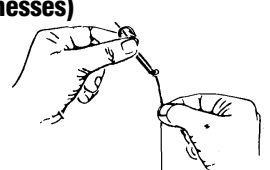
3. Move fingers to hold coils tightly in place. Pull leader line extending from eye until entire loop has passed under coils.



4. With coils snugged up neatly, use pliers to pull tag end, cinching up snell. Clip off tag end of rear hook. Repeat steps 1 to 4 for second hook.

The Quick Wrap (Good for multi-hook harnesses)

1. Cut your line approximately one foot longer than the finished rig will be. Now insert one end of the line through the eye of hook just past the barb.



2. Now, holding the line snugly wrap 6 to 8 tight coils around the hook shaft with the tag end.



3. Move fingers to hold coils tightly in place. Pass the tag end of the leader back through the hook eye (away from the hook point) and pull until coils snug up neatly.



4. With coils snugged up neatly, clip off tag end of rear hook. Slide second hook onto leader and hold in desired position and repeat steps 2 to 4 for second hook.