

# Real Pro's Tip Sheet

Hot Tips for  
Lure Making  
"Spinnerbaits"

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## Making Your Own Spinnerbaits

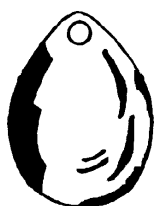
Follow these basic steps shown below and you will quickly become a spinnerbait making expert.

### Blade Styles

Here are the 4 most popular blades used on spinnerbaits.



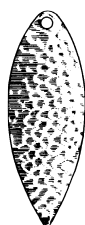
Hatch Blade



Colorado Blade



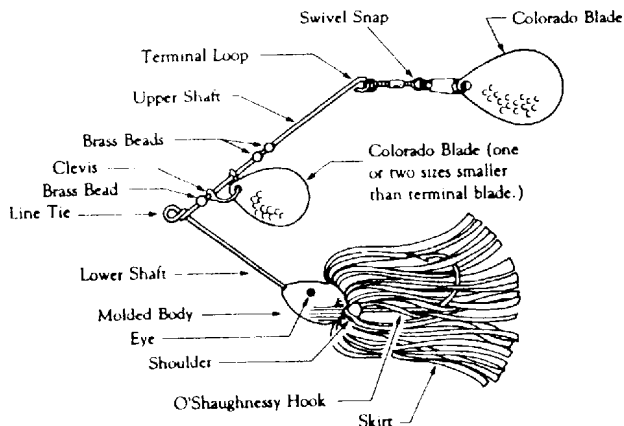
Indiana Blade



Willowleaf Blade

### Spinnerbait components

Look over the following spinnerbait component chart.



### Spinnerbait Component Size Chart

	1/8oz	1/4oz	3/8oz	1/2, 5/8oz	3/4oz	1oz
Colorado <sup>(1)</sup>	2-3	3-4	3 1/2-5	4-5	5-7	6-7
Willowleaf <sup>(1)</sup>	2-3 1/2	3-4	4-5	4-6	5-7	6-7
Colorado <sup>(2)</sup>	1-2	2-3	1-3	2-4	2-4	3-5
Willowleaf <sup>(2)</sup>	1-2	2-3	2-4	3-4 1/2	3-5	4-5
Stirrup Clevis <sup>(2)</sup>	1	3	3	4	4	4
Crane Swivel <sup>(3)</sup>	10	10	7	7	7	7
Ball Bearing <sup>(4)</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	1
Split Ring	3	3	4	5	5	5
Bead Size <sup>(5)</sup>	1/8"	1/8"	5/32"	5/32"	7/32"	7/32"
Skirt Length	4"	4"	5"	5"	5"-6"	5"-7"

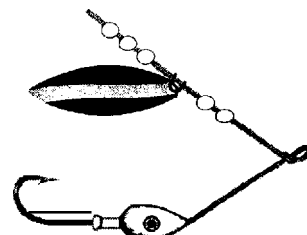
- (1) Blade size for terminal blade.
- (2) Blade size for secondary blade. A stirrup clevis is needed to install.
- (3) The swivel may be a snap swivel or crane swivel with split ring.
- (4) Ball Bearing swivel must have 2 split rings attached.
- (5) These are sized for hollow metal beads but you may also use plastic beads as well.

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## Putting the Spinnerbait Together

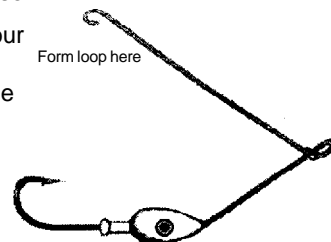
Before you begin assembling your spinnerbaits decide if you want a single or tandem spinnerbait. If you want a tandem (2 blades) spinnerbait you must first put the secondary blade on the upper arm. Have your pair of needle nose pliers handy.

- 1a **Tandem spinnerbaits only.** Slide one or two beads on the upper arm. Then slide the blade down the upper arm on the correct sized stirrup clevis. Now slide a few (2 to 5) beads down on top of the clevis. Always use at least one bead above and below the clevis.

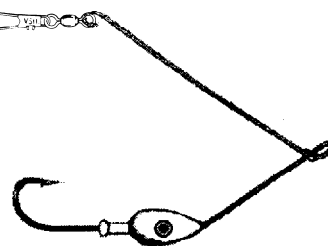
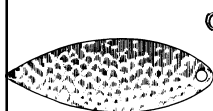


- 1b **All spinnerbaits.** Using your needle nose pliers form a small loop at the end of the upper arm. Leave enough room to insert the crane swivel or snap swivel.

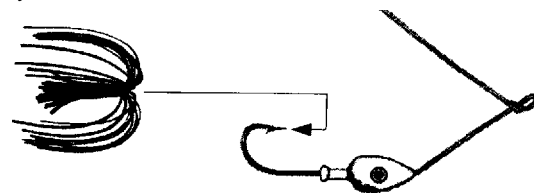
Form loop here



- 2 Now insert the snap swivel or split ring into the loop. Now pinch the loop closed with your pliers. Attach the desired terminal blade on the swivel.



- 3 Now the last set is rather easy. Simply slide the skirt of your choice onto the collar of the molded body. That's it.



**Note:** Colorado blades will give your spinnerbait more lift and therefore can be retrieved shallower and more slowly. Willowleaf blades on the other hand create less lift but more flash and will let your spinnerbait retrieve more quickly and deeper.

For More information on making your own skirts, casting your own spinnerbait heads or making other lures look for the **Canadian Guide to Lure Making**.

