

Assembling a Spinning Reel Fishing Rod

This document provides the detailed step by step process on properly assembling a spinning reel fishing rod. The steps range from familiarizing one's self with the fishing terms that will be used throughout the instruction set, to putting the parts together to use the product. A couple assumptions are considered: the user has a fishing rod, spinning reel containing line, and a fishing lure.

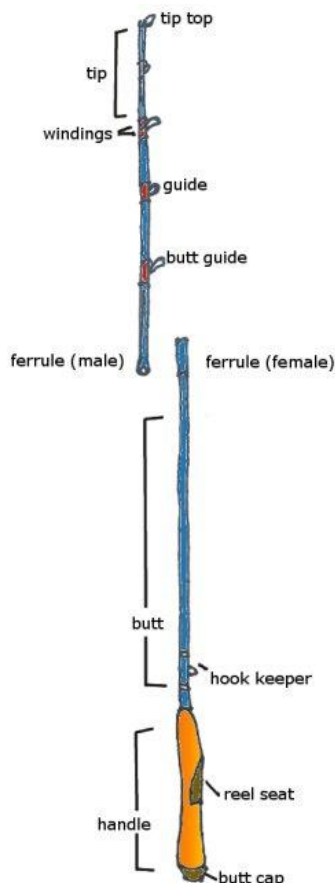
Fishing can be tricky and requires patience before satisfaction. These instructions are intended for beginners striving to learn and who want guidance towards fishing.

MATERIALS:

- Fishing Rod
- Spinning Reel (spool already containing fishing line)
- Any size hook or fishing lure

PRIOR TO THE ASSEMBLY PROCESS IT IS IMPORTANT TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE IMPORTANT TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH ASSEMBLY MEMBER. THIS WILL HELP CLARIFY WHAT SOME OF THE TERMS MEAN DURING THE INSTRUCTION SET.

Basic Fishing Rod



Guides: These are the rings used to “guide” the fishing line down the length of the rod and out the tip.

Ferrule: This is the joint where the pieces of the rod are attached and joined together.

Butt: This is the thick part of the rod attached to the handle.

Hook Keeper: This is used once the rod is completely assembled. Allows the hook or lure to be hooked in place to avoid injury from a loose hook.

Reel Seat: This is where the reel is attached to the rod. Many rods will have a holding mechanism that screws up or down onto the reel foot (see the diagram of the reel to see the reel foot).

Spinning Reel



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Step 1: Gather the rod, spinning reel, and hook or lure.

Step 2: Join the ferrules by pushing and twisting them together. Be sure that once the rod is securely connected, to align the guides.



Figure 2.1

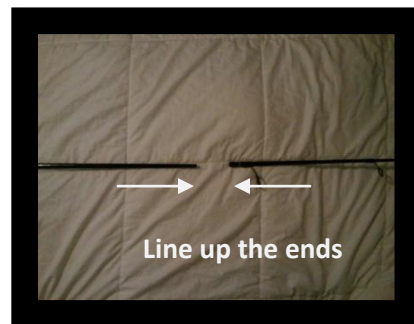


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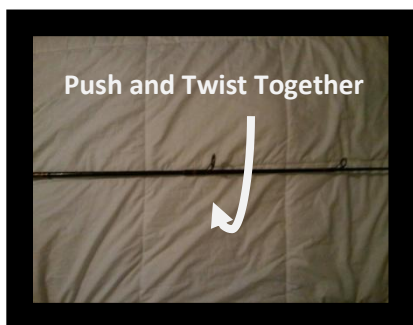


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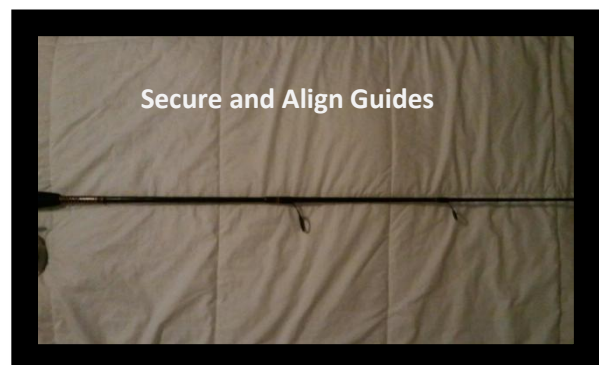


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Step 3: Place the edges of the reel foot in the reel seat. Tighten the reel into place with the screwing mechanism. *Be sure that it is screwed in tight enough. Check the tightness by jiggling the reel with your hand to make sure the reel foot does not shift/move/rattle.*

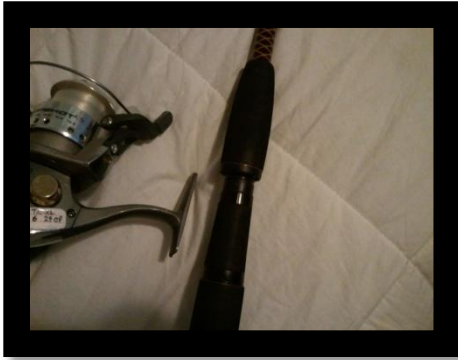


Figure 3.1: Be sure to properly align the reel foot with the handle.

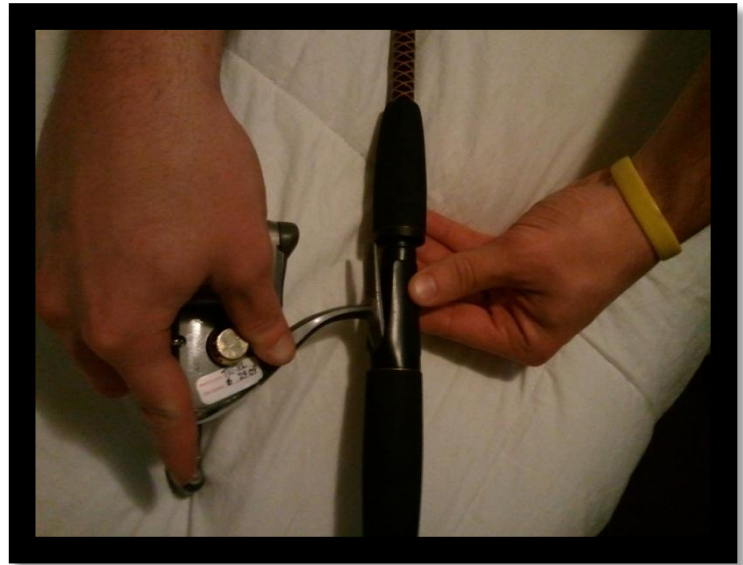


Figure 3.2: Push the edge of the reel foot into the reel seat.



Figure 3.3: Twist the screwing mechanism of the handle over the opposite edge of the reel foot.



Figure 3.4: Be sure to fully tighten and secure the reel into place.

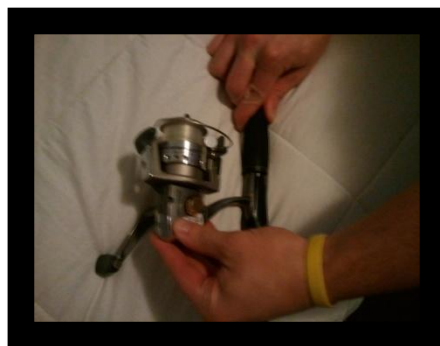


Figure 3.5: Jiggle the reel to check for tightness.

Step 4: Locate the end of the fishing line. Pull enough line out of the line spool to be able to pull it through each guide.

Step 5: Pull the line around the outside of the bail and begin pulling through the guides, starting with the first butt guide (the largest loop) closest to the reel.

DO NOT PUT THE LINE THROUGH THE HOOK KEEPER. BE SURE THE LINE GOES THROUGH EVERY GUIDE. FAILING TO DO SO COULD CAUSE RUPTURE AND BREAKING OF THE FISHING ROD.



Figure 5.1: Pull the line around the outside of the bail.



Figure 5.2: DO NOT PULL THE LINE THROUGH THE HOOK KEEPER (THE VERY SMALL HOLE CLOSEST TO THE REEL AND HANDLE).

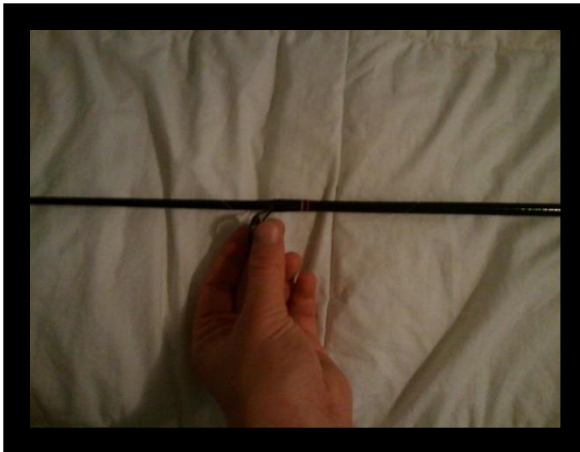


Figure 5.3: Pull the line through each guide.



Figure 5.4: Pull at least 3 or 4 feet (just needs to be a rough estimate) of the line through the tip of the rod.

Step 6: Attach a hook or lure to the line with the use of a clinch knot. Use the figures below to follow how to tie the clinch knot. *Although the photos don't show a hook or lure being tied to the line, the same knot process is used for the hook or lure.*

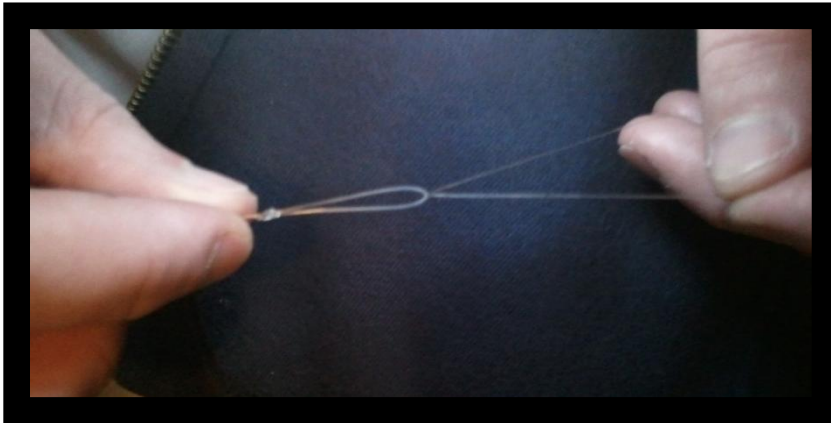


Figure 6.1: Pull the line through the hole of what would be on the end of a hook or lure.



Figure 6.2: Wrap the end of the line around the standing line (the same line that was put through the loop) between 4 to 7 times.

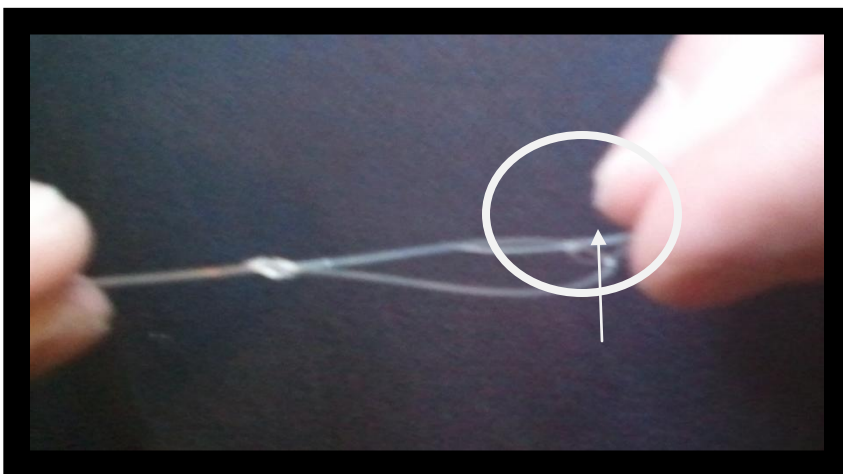


Figure 6.3: Bring the end of the line back down to the small loop created by your own line just above what would be the loop of the hook or lure.



Figure 6.4: Pull the end of your line one way while pulling the standing line (other end of your line) the opposite direction at the same time. Be sure to pull the lines SLOWLY.

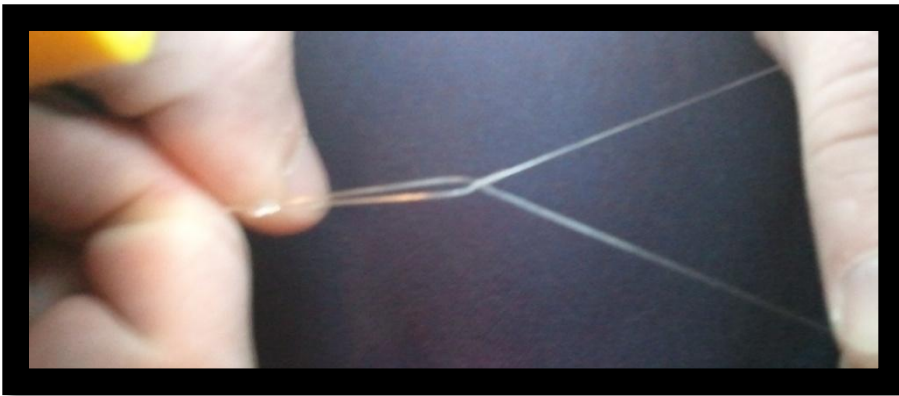


Figure 6.5: Using your fingernail, slide the coils of the knot down to be tight with the loop of the hook or lure. Trim the excess end of the line.

Step 7: Pull enough line out of the spool so the hook or lure can clasp onto the hook keeper.

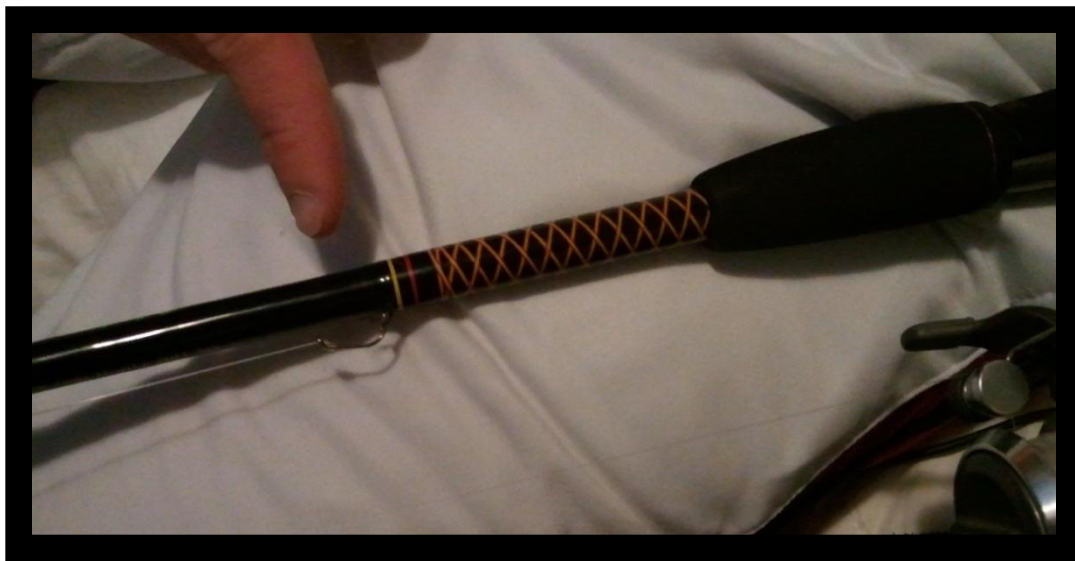


Figure 6.6: Fasten the hook on the hook keeper. *This is for safety purposes when traveling with the rod. It will avoid the loose hook or lure from swinging freely and possibly causing injury.*

NOW YOU ARE READY TO USE YOUR FISHING ROD!!!

**FOR A VIDEO TUTORIAL ON HOW TO USE AND CAST YOUR FISHING ROD, VISIT
ONE OF THE WEBSITE LINKS BELOW:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWr0l-1C8jw>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRC58kDfAN8>

**For other tips on how to spool new fishing line onto the reel or how to choose
the right fishing lure:**

<http://www.wikihow.com/Spool-New-Fishing-Line-onto-a-Reel>

<http://boyslife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/2047/fishinglures/>