

**TOP FISHING SECRETS**



**Sharpening Hooks**

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Hooks staying sharp is about using your "sight" rather than your sense of touch to tell you that your hook is sharp. Right out of the package, an angler must pay attention to the condition of the hook. There are some companies that have machines sharpen them much the same way you would expect any line factory to function. Historically, it has been left to the consumer to put a "finishing touch" to the tine of each hook; however, most novice fishermen don't know to do that.

Putting needle point sharpness to any hook only takes seconds, but don't ever go with the old school of thought and use your fingers or fingernails to ascertain just how sharp your hook really is. The second you scrape the hook across your skin or nail the sharpness goes right along with it. Seasoned fishermen will tell you that the instant a hook becomes even slightly dull there is a high risk of losing fish from lack of penetration power. Rely on the fact that your hook has been touched with just a few strokes in one direction.

Yes, the longer you use a hook the more it needs to be sharpened, so at first it should only take you a couple of strokes, when it takes more than fifteen, it's time to use a new hook.