

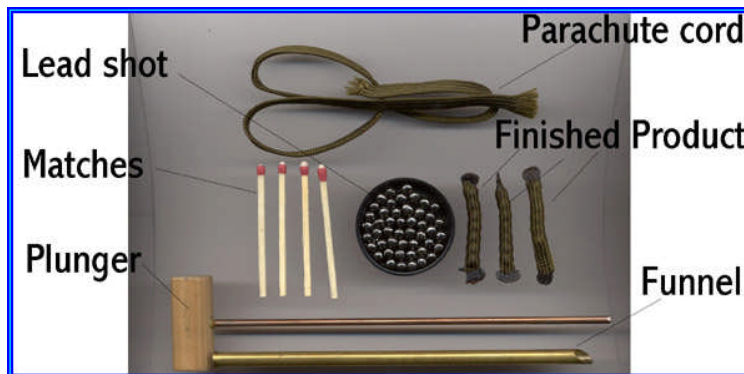
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Slinky Weights for Drift Fishing

What they are, How to use them, How to Make Them

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Take a look at the scanned image here. These are all the parts that make up a slinky and keep the weight from snagging up on boulders, trees, and other fishing line lost to the water. Purchasing these few things individually can literally save you pennies to the dollar that you previously would have spent on pre-made slinkies. Making slinkies is worth every effort that it takes to make them and the benefits are obvious with dramatic increases in hookups.

Did you know that a single slinky in any given sporting goods store can cost 1.50 to 2.50 dollars U.S.? It's true. Slinkies are the single best way to drift-fish boulder riddled rivers but they can cost a fortune, so what's the appeal? They can keep a leader and mainline from ever getting caught in snags that can break either line and that can be worth its weight in gold when the fish are hovering over snag-riddled holds. An expert fisherman can go through as many as sixty leaders in a single day of fish are deep around structure. Remember that the saying goes "if you're not fishing the snags you're not fishing the fish". The paradox between the cost of slinkies and getting fish on the hook without losing leaders or mainline is exactly why fishermen are willing to pay so much; however, there is an alternative.

It's possible to make slinkies at home to save a small fortune at the same time. Think about it. The elements that make up a slinky (Parachute cord, Shot pellets, Matches, Plunger, and Funnel) can be purchased individually to make hundreds of them and only costing pennies on the dollar. All you have to do is take the time to make them, and it's worth it. Think about this. Have you ever seen a line of fishermen hitting the water watching them retie each time they lose their gear to the water? It happens all the

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time...for most. Anglers who use slinkies can literally use the same leader, terminal gear, and mainline for hours on end fishing the same water and never lose a single thing. It just makes sense. The more time spent fishing means more fish on the hook. If you're tying up leaders and mainline your hook is not in the water. It takes about three minutes to completely set up knots to swivels of the mainline and leader, then add weight, tie on the hook, which doesn't even include deciding if you're going to use baits, corkies, spinners, or some other offering. That's three minutes at home under perfect conditions where everything is laid out in front of you and there isn't the pressure of losing anything to the water. Done correctly, it takes about fifteen seconds to change a slinky weight whether you're fishing or at home. Now, if you're on the boat or in the water, add two more minutes for each standard three, which adds up to five for each leader retied and then multiply that by thirty. THAT'S 150 MINUTES OR TWO AND A HALF HOURS OF NOTHING BUT TYING LEADERS DURING A STANDARD FISHING DAY! This is not an embellishment. I know that it takes at least this long out in the field even for expert anglers if pre-setup leaders are not made in advance. It is always best to create leaders, slinkies, and terminal gear before heading out to hit the water to dramatically increase time fishing rather than groping into pockets fumbling for gear that "could" fall into the drink.

To save an enormous amount of time, effort, and money it's entirely worth making your own slinkies. One of the hidden benefits of making a slinky is that you have absolute control over the size of the shot and the length of it. Slinkies made to the variant conditions of rivers that "you" intend to fish rather than having them generally manufactured means that leaders will get down to fish as fast or as slow as you want them to. Homemade slinkies can be loose or tight and will still perfectly function by "slinking" over and around almost any structure. This one tiny insignificant little tip can increase the amount of hookups by many factors making you king of the river as every other person "not" using slinkies wonders what you're using to fish the same water and not get snagged up.