

### Temperature Chart

Water Temp	Stage	Location	Top Presentations	Best Lures
45°-50°	Pre-Pre-Spawn	Deep, 15ft or more	Jigging, Ned-rigging, Drop Shotting	Jigs, Finesse plastics, jerkbaits
50°-55°	Pre-Spawn Begins	points and ledges off flats	Slow, Deep presentations, reaction baits shallow	Jigs, diving crankbaits, spinnerbaits, shallow cranks
55°-60°	Prespawn	Shallow water near cover	Working fast reaction baits	Spinnerbaits and shallow cranks
60°-65°	Spawning Begins	Sight-fishing beds	Sight-fishing beds	Creature baits, works, jigs
65°-70°	Peak-Spawn to early post-spawn	throughout shallows, near cover	Sight fishing, finesse, topwater	Plastics, buzzbaits, other topwaters
70° and up	Post-spawn	Shallow shady cover, deeper structure	reaction baits shallow, slow presentations deeper	Buzzbaits, frogs, jigs, plastics, crankbaits

### Line Selection

Technique	Pound Test	Line Type
Pitching to Sparse Cover	15-to 20-pound	Fluorocarbon
Pitching to heavy cover	20-pound or 65-pound	Fluorocarbon or braid
Frogs over matted grass	65-pound	Braid
Cold water jerk baits	8 to 12-pound	Fluoro or Mono
Deep diving crankbait	8 to 15-pound	Fluoro or Mono
Shallow crankbaits	10 to 17-pound	Mono
Lipless crankbaits	12 to 20-pound	Fluoro or Mono
Topwaters	15-pound or 30-pound	Mono
Spinnerbaits	15 to 20-pound	Mono
Senkos	8 to 20-pound	Fluoro
Drop Shot	4-10 pound or 10-20 pound	Fluoro leader Braid Backing
Shaky Head	8 to 10-pound	Fluoro

### Spinnerbait Blade Types

Type	When to use
Willow	Less vibration Faster Retrieve Use Warmer Weather
Colorado/- Indiana	More vibration Slower retrieve Stained water or dim conditions

### Number of Blades

Number of Blades	When to use
Single	Murkey or low visibility
Double	When a smaller presentation is needed Clear Water Cool Water

### Spinnerbait Blade Colors

Color	When to use
Gold	Low light conditions Stained water Cloudy days Early morning/late evening
Silver	Clearer water Sunny conditions
Colored	Muddy water Night fishing

### Fishing Line Basics

Type	Benefit/Use
Monofi- lament	More buoyant and likely to float Stretches slightly Great for top water lures
Fluoro- carbon	Stiffer with little stretch Nearly invisible in the water Perfect for lures used under the water

### Fishing Line Basics (cont)

Braided	Lot more visible Weeds or Heavy Cover No Stretch Extremely Strong
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### Jerkbait Color Selection

Conditions	Color
Bright Days and Clear Water	Translucent
Cloudy Conditions	Solid colors or those with flash
Stained Water	White or Colored Bottom
Windy Conditions	Flashy

### Crankbait Color Selection

Conditions	Color
Rainy or Cloudy	White
Stained or Muddy Water	Brightly colored crankbait with as orange or chartreuse
Sunny	Silver (If bass feed on shad)
Sunny	Green/Red/Brown (If bass feed on crawfish)

### Soft Plastic Rigs

Rig	Description
Carolina Rig	Tie about 18 inches of clear leader between the rigged hook and a small barrel swivel. On your main line, thread first a brass Carolina weight (or a lead sinker), followed by a small, red glass bead. Then tie your main line to the other side of the swivel.
Texas Rig	Bullet Weight above a Hook with worm, hooked straight to make it weedless into the body
Tube Rig	Small internal jighead

### Soft Plastic Rigs (cont)

Drop shot	Tie your hook with a long tag end and add a drop shot weight to the tag end
Ned Rig	Soft plastic turd bait on a flat-h- eaded Ned Head Jig
Wacky	Hook soft plastic bait through the middle of the bait, can add a nail weight in the plastic end if needed
Neko Rig	Hook soft plastic bait through the middle of the bait, can add a nail weight in the plastic end if needed, recommend to put a rubberband in the middle to make work last longer
Tokyo Rig	Hook has a rigid metal wire coming off the eye, bend the wire to keep the weight in place



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