

# Bass Basics



# A SEASONAL GUIDE TO LURE SELECTION

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## Murky Water

**Deep running crankbait** – 1/2 to 3/4 ounce; shad, firetiger, chartreuse/blue  
**Plastic worm** – Texas rigged; 6 to 8 inches; black, purple, red shad  
**Plastic worm** – Carolina rigged; 8 to 11 inches; black/blue, tequila sunrise, red shad  
**Tube bait** – Texas rigged; watermelon, black/chartreuse, black/blue  
**Spinnerbait (willow blades)** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; white, green (on windy days)  
**Buzzbait** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; black, white, chartreuse  
**Topwater prop bait or chugger** – 1/2 to 3/4 ounce; black, frog



**SUMMER**

**Jig-and-pig** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; black/blue, black/chartreuse, red/black  
**Tube bait** – Texas rigged; watermelon, black/chartreuse, black/blue  
**Shallow running crankbait** – 1/4 to 1/2 ounce; shad, firetiger, red  
**Medium running crankbait** – 1/4 to 1/2 ounce; shad, craw, firetiger  
**Soft plastic craw** – Texas rigged; black/chartreuse, brown, green  
**Plastic worm** – Texas rigged; 6 to 8 inches; black, purple, red shad  
**Spinnerbait (willow blades)** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; white, green (on windy days)  
**Buzzbait** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; black, white, chartreuse



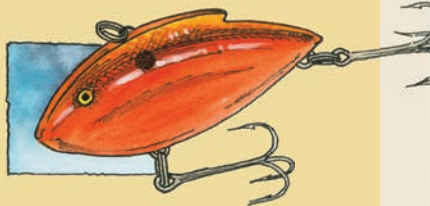
**SPRING: Spawn & Postspawn**

**Tube bait** – Texas rigged; watermelon, black/chartreuse, black/blue  
**Lipless crankbait** – 1/4 to 1/2 ounce; silver, gold, red  
**Medium running crankbait** – 1/4 to 1/2 ounce; shad, craw, firetiger  
**Deep running crankbait** – 1/2 to 3/4 ounce; shad, firetiger, chartreuse/blue  
**Spinnerbait (willow blades)** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; white, green (on windy days)  
**Jig-and-pig** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; black/blue, black/chartreuse, red/black  
**Buzzbait** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; black, white, chartreuse  
**Topwater prop bait or chugger** – 1/2 to 3/4 ounce; black, frog



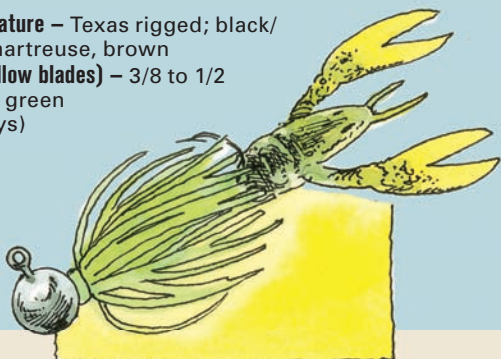
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**Jig-and-pig** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; black/blue, black/chartreuse, red/black  
**Spinnerbaits (both willow and Colorado blades)** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; white, chartreuse  
**Lipless crankbait** – 1/4 to 1/2 ounce; silver, gold, red  
**Medium running crankbait** – 1/4 to 1/2 ounce; shad, craw, firetiger  
**Lizard** – Texas rigged; 6 to 7 inches; green, brown, black  
**Soft plastic craw** – Texas rigged; black/chartreuse, brown, green



**SPRING: Prespawn**

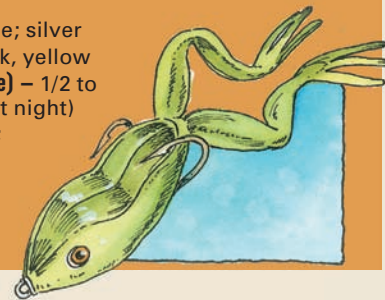
**Jig-and-pig** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; black/blue, black/chartreuse, red/black  
**Soft plastic creature** – Texas rigged; black/blue, black/chartreuse, brown  
**Spinnerbait (willow blades)** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; white, green (on windy days)



**WINTER**

## Clear Water

**Stickworm (Senko-style worms)** – rigged on light-wire hook; watermelon, smoke, blue  
**Jigging spoon** – 1/2 to 3/4 ounce; silver  
**Weedless frog/rat** – white, black, yellow  
**Spinnerbait (single Colorado blade)** – 1/2 to 1 ounce; black, purple, red (at night)  
**Jig-and-pig** – 1/4 to 3/8 ounce; black, purple (at night)



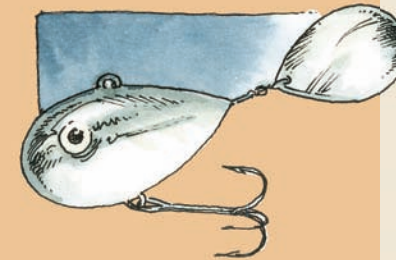
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**Grub** – 4 to 5 inches on 1/4-ounce jighead; smoke, pumpkin, chartreuse  
**Soft plastic jerkbait** – Carolina rigged; 4 inches; watermelon, chartreuse, shad  
**Floater/diver minnow** – 4 to 5 inches; silver, gold  
**Floating (trick) worm** – 6 to 8 inches; pink, white, yellow  
**Soft jerkbait** – white, watermelon  
**Topwater stickbait** – 1/2 to 3/4 ounce; chrome, black



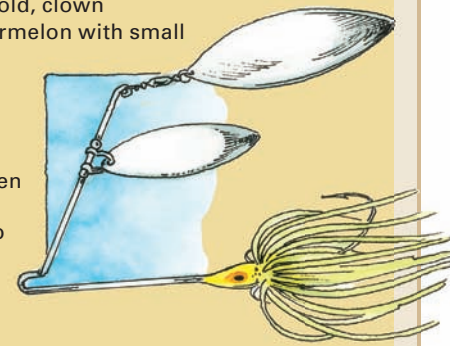
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**Grub** – 4 to 5 inches on 1/4-ounce jighead; smoke, pumpkin, chartreuse  
**Deep running crankbait** – 1/4 to 3/8 ounce; shad, craw, red (on windy days)  
**Blade bait** – 1/4 to 1/2 ounce; silver, gold  
**Tailspinner** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; shad, chrome  
**Topwater stickbait** – 1/4 to 1/2 ounce; clear, shad



**FALL**

**Suspending jerkbait** – silver, gold, clown  
**Finesse jig** – 1/4 ounce; watermelon with small craw trailer  
**Grub** – 4 to 5 inches on 1/4-ounce jighead; smoke, pumpkin, chartreuse  
**Spinnerbait (willow blades)** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; white, green (on windy days)  
**Deep running crankbait** – 1/4 to 3/8 ounce; shad, craw, red (on windy days)



**SPRING: Prespawn**

**Suspending jerkbait** – silver, gold, clown  
**Blade bait** – 1/4 to 1/2 ounce; silver, gold  
**Tailspinner** – 3/8 to 1/2 ounce; shad, chrome  
**Jigging spoon** – 1/2 to 3/4 ounce; silver  
**Grub** – 4 to 5 inches on 1/4-ounce jighead; smoke, pumpkin, chartreuse  
**Hair jig** – 1/8 to 1/4 ounce; black, brown, yellow; with or without small pork trailer



**WINTER**

