

SLINKY



Slinky's are used in the sliding weight system for **Chuck-n-Duck** fishing for Salmon or Steelhead. Usually in water deeper than 3 feet.

Weight is needed to get the fly patterns down to the Salmon or Steelhead and various weight systems may be used. You may use split shot or pencil lead, both of which have a high degree of hang ups and as they bounce along the bottom create noise.

But, if you use a "**Slinky**" you will not only get the weight down to the fish, but it will bounce along the bottom with little or no noise and I have experienced far less hang ups with this arrangement.

Material needed to make a **Slinky** are:

1. Camo Cord (Coghlan's) 100 % polypropylene in 50 foot lengths. It can be purchased at Dicks Sporting Goods (SN:056389090507) for \$2.49.

2. #4 buck shot.

Procedures to make a **Slinky**:

- a. The **Slinky's** are made in sizes 2 thru 7. Numbers indicate the number of #4 buck shot placed into the chord. Most sizes used are 4 and 5, but still carry some other sizes as the water flow and depth will dictate the weight to be used.
- b. Cut a length of Camo cord and pull out the cotton core in the center.
- c. Take a candle or lighter and melt one end and immediately take a pair of pliers and squeeze the end shut.
- d. Take a Phillips head screwdriver and insert into the open end of the Camo cord to open up the center where you will stuff in the shot.
- e. Place the number (2 thru 7) of #4 buck shot into the open end and cut off the chord to still allow you to melt the end with the candle or lighter and immediately squeeze shut with the pliers.

You have your **Slinky**!

You will use a #10 snap swivel to clip onto the Slinky as shown in the photo and this allows the Slinky to slide free on the leader.

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