

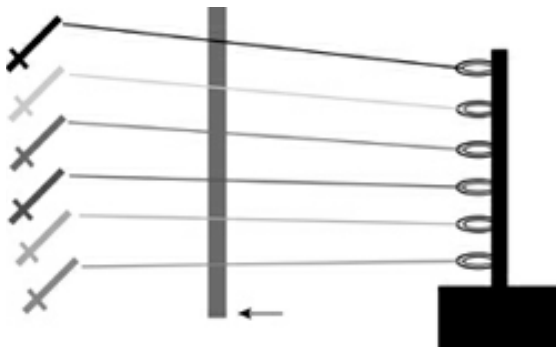
Fisherman's Tangle:

A Cooperative Problem-Solving Activity

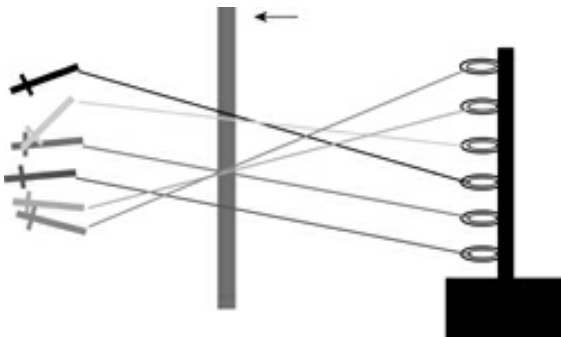
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Fisherman's Tangle is a small-group cooperative activity that includes problem solving, creative movement, and strategic planning. Every time the tangle is created, it becomes a unique problem to solve. No two tangles are the same and no two solutions are the same.

Getting Started



Place the Fisherman's Tangle base on the ground. Connect the bait line end of the fishing line to the base. Reel out the line and place the poles on the ground.



Select one member to tangle the fishing lines by weaving them over, under, around, through, and between the other lines until a unique tangle occurs. Lay the poles back down in the starting position. (Diagram B)

The Process of Untangling the Fisherman's Tangle

Each team member selects a fishing pole and holds it up in both hands. The team then begins to untangle the lines by moving over, under, and around the other lines until they are back in the original, untangled

position (Diagram A). No fisherman may cross over the water line or let go of the fishing poles with either hand. Teammates may raise and lower their fishing lines to help mates go over and under the lines.

This can be a timed team event, a team vs. team activity using two Fisherman's Tangles or a team challenge seeing which team can solve another team's tangle.

Advanced Options

- Connect a second set of Fisherman's Tangle lines to the other side of the base to create a team vs. team challenge. Each team would tangle the other team's lines to start this challenge.
- Blindfold one or more teammates to add a unique challenge to the group.
- Permit no verbal communications between team members.
- Place soundproof headphones on one or more team members to challenge the group to solve the tangle and communicate in other ways with each other.
- Set up a Fisherman's Tangle Tournament with several teams challenging each other to the best times. Each team tangles the lines for the next team to untangle.

The Fisherman's Tangle is a simple, small-group cooperative activity that is fun and educational. It can be used in physical education classes, recreational settings, classrooms, and team-building situations.

Equipment:

- 6 Fishing Poles
- 6 Fishing Lines
- 1 Blue Base
- 1 Fisherman's Tangle Connector

Advanced Equipment:

- An Anchor—One line down the middle that cannot move.



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