

# Ultimate Crappie Gear Checklist

## Rods

When I choose a rod for Crappie I do not like to use wimpy flimsy rods. Those types of rods may work for catching dinkers off the dock but when I'm chasing big crappie I want a rod that is up to the task of landing a big slab crappie.

I like light power rods because they have good feel and sensitivity but you want an extra fast action so you have enough backbone in the rod to get a good hook set.

I also like to use medium light power rods for a little extra hook setting power.

**The St. Croix panfish series rod** in 7 foot, light power, extra fast action is one om my favorites and go to rods. You can find the rod here <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/b3vEWx>

**The St. Croix premier 6.6** light power fast action is also a good option or the 7-foot medium light power. you can get it here. <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/POYXjY>

## Crappie Rods For noodling / Boat flipping

**The Stick** <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/VyRLbj>

## Reels

For a reel I don't like to go super high end... but I also do not like to go bottom of the barrel because we do need performance. I like a good smooth reel with a good drag system. Middle of the price spectrum will work just fine.

**I like the Pflueger President** in the 25 series PRESSP25X. you can find one here <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/MXoJXK>

**I also like the Daiwa Regal LT** in the 1000 series gear ratio 5.2:1. You can find one here <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/mgrAgX>

**when available the Shimano Sedona FI** in the 1000 series is a great option. You can find it here <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/LPoVPY>

## Line

For line I usually go with mono but it is nice to have a rod rigged with braid. With mono your line has some stretch and is forgiving. With braid you have no stretch. In most cases I like some stretch in the

line so you are not ripping your lure out of the fishes mouth. However if you are not using one of the above rods and the rod you are using is whippy and does not have much backbone, like some ultra light rods... braid might be a good option. one big advantage of braid is it casts much farther than mono. Braid is also much thinner in diameter so you can use heavier line and still have the same thickness as a weaker mono.

Again I still use mono most of the time.

**Suffix Elite** 6lb or 4 lb test your choice, I go with 6lb test. You can use clear or low viz green, I usually go with clear. You can get it here <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/6bXOjN>

**Berkley Trilene XL**, clear, 4 or 6lb test. You can get it here <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/BXerg9>

For braid, SpiderWire UltraCast Braid 4 or 6lb test, translucent. You can get it here <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/rneZmG>

## Jigs

For jigs I like to have a variety of styles, colors and sizes of 1/32oz and 1/16oz. here are some of my favorites.

Kalin's Triple Threat <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/VyRL6j>

Bass Pro Marabou Jig <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/0JXknM>

Crappie Pro Overbite Sickle Jighead <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/NKone7>

Mr. Crappie Sausage Jighead <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/QOzRzP>

**Bass Pro Shops Painted Jig head** <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/qnkRon>

VMC Hot Skirts Jig <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/ZdJPJ1>

Quickset Weedless crappie Jig sickle hook <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/3PXVXB>

Quickset Weedless crappie Jig <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/Ke2o9x>

Jenko Slasher Jig head <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/a1YB4M>

## Lures

Bobby Garland Slab Slay'R <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/Ke0PQe>

Bobby Garland Baby Shad <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/AoPA4N>

Bobby Garland Baby Shad Swim'R <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/7mLWKQ>

Bobby Garland SLAB DOCKT'R <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/ZdJPEk>

Strike King Mr. Crappie Tube <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/5b5q43>

Strike King Mr. Crappie Joker <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/jWDM6n>

Crappie Magnet Fin Spin <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/WDJxQ3>

Crappie Magnet Series Slab Magnet <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/2rXG0D>

Charlie Brewer's Crappie Slider Grub <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/Yg4rmO>

**Johnson Original Beetle Spin** size 1/32 oz. I like black chartreuse orange, yellow black stripes, black chartreuse. <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/MXoJrN>

Rapala Jigging Rap <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/XxoQ35>

Berkley Gulp Minnow <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/EaG5vX>

Panfish Assassin Crappie Dapper Lure <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/vn1oqA>

**Berkley Power Bait Crappie Nibbles** – try multiple colors but I like to start with orange.  
<https://cabelas.xhuc.net/BXerr0>

Kalin's Crappie Scrub <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/Ke2o3a>

Hofmann's Lures Frizz's Spoon <https://cabelas.xhuc.net/QOzRgz>