

Making an Ice-fishing Gaff

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One of the reasons I like Ice fishing so much is because the cost of being fully equipped to have fun is very little when compared to the other outdoor hobbies that we all enjoy. A friend of mine gave me this idea to make my own gaff, and I thought I would this simple design with the club. This gaff is basically just a LARGE treble hook at the end of a long handle. Here is a simple design to make your own Gaff, and is made of materials that we all have sitting around the house. This gaff is so simple to make. The first time I attempted this, it took me about 15 minutes to make 2 of them.

Material List:

- ✳ 1 broom handle (about 9-??? inches. Depends on desired length)
- ✳ 1 broken arrow shaft (about 12 inches) (I have plenty of these to spare if anyone needs some)
- ✳ Large treble hook (Size :Large!!)
- ✳ Epoxy (JB weld, MetalSet....)
- ✳ Dill bit that is a little bigger than the size of your arrow shaft
- ✳ Pipe insulation

The end product should be long enough for you to reach through the ice and a have a few inches to spare. My gaff is 19 inches in total length, but it is a little short for those places that have really thick ice. So if you fish places where you are going through 10-20 inches of ice, then just make the handle longer for your needs.

1. Cut the broom handle to desired length, and drill a hole in the center of the shaft about 2-3 inches in deep.
2. Epoxy the arrow shaft into the broom handle.
3. Epoxy the Treble hook into the other end of the arrow shaft
4. Wait for epoxy to dry, and Gaff is complete.

The pipe insulation is used to cover the large treble hook when it is being stored in my ice fishing bucket. This way I do not accidentally hook myself while transporting my bucket.

Hope you find value in this bit of information, and your gaff sees lots of action this winter. Be safe on the ice, and take a kid ice fishing if you have a chance.