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When my stock of spinnerbaits runs low, I go to a sewing supply store.

No, Fabric World hasn't started selling Lindyspins or Switchblades. They do sell safety pins, the basis of my scratch-built spinnerbaits.

I thought about mass producing them and selling them for 75 cents each, for a quarter profit. My more generous nature has prevailed, so I'll tell everybody how to build spinnerbaits as good as the ones in the store.

Materials are simple. You need 2-inch safety pins, quarter-ounce concave bottom worm weights, No. 8 swivels, split rings, light wire, 2-0 hooks and plastic skirts.

Tools are also simple. A propane torch or soldering gun, acid core solder and needle-nosed pliers are all it takes.

Assemble the materials and tools on the workbench and set up for volume production. The process is easier if you mass produce.

Step one is to unsnap the safety pin. Use the pliers to break off the sheetmetal guard, which leaves a wire with a point on one end, a loop in the middle and a bend on the other end.

Slip the worm weight, nose first, over the pointed end of the pin. Bend a loop at the end of the wire that will fit through the eye of a hook.

Put the hook on the loop and crimp it shut. A piece of light wire about half an inch long also goes through the hook eye. Now jam the worm weight down over the loop and hook eye and fill the cavity with solder. A propane torch gets the whole mess hot enough to get the solder in every little hole, which is important for strength.

Now go to the other end of the wire. Go ahead and make a loop at the end where the wire is already bent. Put a swivel on the loop, then crimp it shut. A split ring goes on the other end of the swivel and the spinner blade attaches to the split ring.

Before you put the blade on, paint the worm weight, which has become the head of the bait. Use enamel, because other paints won't stick to the lead. After the paint is dry, spray it with acrylic to make a strong finish.

Now put the blade on. I used a split ring to attach the blade for easy changing.

The piece of light wire you soldered in the hook eye comes into play now. It should extend a quarter-inch back parallel to the hook shank. Slip the reversed skirt over the hook and wire, then bend both ends of the wire away from the

hook shank. This keeps the skirt from slipping off.
That's it. You may have to experiment with the angle the spinner blade body form to get the bait to spin exactly right, but that's no problem. The safety pins cost about 10 cents each, the weights about 25 cents. The swivel and split rings add about a dime. The blades run from six cents up to a quarter. The skirt may cost anywhere from a quarter to 50 cents. Total costs up to about 85 cents. I bought baits for \$7.61. Had I bought many of my favorites, I would have paid \$18.90. Not a bad savings.

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Elephant Bowl scheduled for March 6 at Kyle Field

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The Elephant Bowl, previously canceled, has been re-scheduled for Mar. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

The game was originally canceled because it was in a bad time frame, said Capt. Horce Rektorik, military advisor for the Elephant Bowl.

"The Southwest Conference basketball playoffs will be during that weekend in Dallas and it looks as if A&M will be there," said Rektorik. "There are other playoffs on

March 3, 4 and 5," said Billy Pickard, athletic trainer. "The trainers should be at those games, and there is also a baseball double header to be played on March 6."

"The other reason for the proposed cancellation is the game was supposedly being played for charity. But after expenses, little was left for charity in the previous years," said Rektorik.

"The Mardi Gras weekend for the Corps starts on Feb. 28 and ends on Mar. 3 in which many of the active Ross Volunteers will be attending, and the Corps cannot afford to take that time for football away from academics, based on last fall's grades."

"Another problem is that spectator participation was not that good in years past," said Rektorik.

"They put too much in for what they get out of it," said Pickard.

Michael Fenoglio, cadet senior in charge of the Elephant Bowl said, "The Corps seniors want to play in the Elephant Bowl, and the game was canceled without notice, and we had an uphill battle to get a new date for the game."

"We were told we had to pay \$800 for insurance and between \$200-400

for the stadium lights if we were going to play. As it is now, the senior will have to pay \$100 to play in the game," said Fenoglio.

Practice has started among Aggie footballer Mike Johnson, head coach for the Army, Navy, Marine team, while former coach Bubby Bean is the coach of the Air Force.

Both teams will practice through plays, basic drills and then this week to get ready for the game.

Gordon Bledsoe, Army, Navy, Marine coordinator, said his team has 36 good people so far they have talent.

The Air Force coordinator, Ed Eddington said that his team has people so far, and is expecting more.

"I know we're going to be competitive," said Eddington. "We have good work ethic, and we're going to take it and run with it."

"We have bigger and better players than the Air Force does personally I think we were enough to get the best coach," said Bledsoe.

Ag golf team treks to Lamar tournament

The Texas A&M University golf team will be one of 20 teams participating in the Lamar University Golf Tournament this Thursday and Friday.

The 54-hole event will be held at the Pinewood Country Club in Beaumont.

Some of the other schools competing with Lamar and Texas A&M are the University of Houston, Oklahoma State University and a number of smaller colleges and junior colleges. This will be A&M's first appearance in the tournament.

The tournament begins with play on Thursday of 27-holes and concludes Friday. All teams will be allowed to play one practice round on Wednesday.

Each team will be allowed to enter six players in the tournament. The four low scores from each team will be used to determine the total team score.

Leading A&M into the tournament will be Monte Schauer, who finished second in the last two tournaments. The five golfers representing A&M will be Bill Alexander, Craig Schauer, Larry Gorzycki, Mike Maynard and Rusty Day.

Schauer's two second finishes came in the A&M Invitational and the Atascos Invitational Tournaments.

"Our players have worked hard in practice," A&M coach Ellis said. "We've been concentrating on our short game, chipping, putting, and it has improved scores somewhat."

The Aggies have had a week and a half to practice since their last tournament. "I think the hard work pay off in the long run," Ellis said, "and our scores should reflect it."

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