

# Bass Jig Style Checklist

**How To Choose Right Bass Jig?** Bass jigs can be broken down into two different types, fast or slow. Otherwise known as power or finesse. Jigs that are power fished, are known to fish fast and aggressively. It's a style of jig fishing intended to trigger reaction strikes. Finesse fishing a jig really has a special place when fishing. Normally, finesse jigs are fished slow and more methodically than power-fished jigs. For example, it's really cold out, or the lake has a ton of fishing pressure, or if the fish are smaller in size, you want to finesse fish a jig.

## 1 CASTING/ARKIE JIG

The casting jig (or known as the Arkie-Head jig) is the most commonly used jig head style. This is considered the **perfect starting jig** because it's such a great multi-purpose jig. If you're trying to establish a pattern and will be jigging in a bunch of different areas with different cover, then the casting jig is a great choice.

## 2 FOOTBALL JIG

These heads are, you guessed it, shaped like a football and are the second most popular style of jig. The oblong shape will kick up more sediment versus their streamlined cousins. Football head jigs allow for maximum trailer action because of the position of the eyelet on the head. They have better balance and give a better presentation on the bottom than other heads.

## 3 FLIPPING JIG

Flipping jigs are hardy and sturdy. They have been designed to crash down into the thickest brush and trees in order to pull out monster bass that relates to that type of structure. Think of these jigs like casting jigs on steroids.

## 4 PUNCHING JIG

Punching jigs are specialized jigs to be fished on thick floating vegetation mats. Where you find thick mats chances are you'll find a bass hidden in the thick undergrowth waiting to ambush and unsuspecting bait fish. Most punching jigs are weights 1-2.5 ounces shaped like a bullet, remember these need to crash through the mat canopy in order to get to the fish.

## 5 SWIM JIG

Swim Jig is perfect for fishing horizontally through the water column. Fished just like a spinnerbait or a lipless crank, this remains one of the most dependable techniques that the touring Pros will utilize. The head of the jig is typically a bullet or shad-shaped head that will cut through the flooded brush or vegetation much easier than other rounded heads.

## 6 BLADED JIG HEAD (CHATTERBAIT STYLE)

Are variants of the casting jigs with a front blade attached. This produces an immense amount of vibration during the retrieve. The bass feel this vibration on the lateral line and see the flashing blade in the water. Bladed jigs really shine during the spring, retrieving the jig through brush and when the water clarity is dingy.

## 7 FINESSE JIG

There is without a doubt that these little jig heads catch fish! Even though they are small in stature they bag some giants. They have a very natural appearance and bass will typically not feel too threatened or spooked when they see the jig come their way. The best time to fish a finesse jig is during the winter, if the water is very clear, if the lake is highly pressured or most importantly you're fishing a lake that just had a cold front move through and the next day you're presented with calm bluebird skies.

## 8 HAIR JIGS

Hair jigs are similar finesse baits but above all, they are dressed with various natural or synthetic animal hair and made to look very natural. By far... hair jigs have the absolute BEST action in calm or still water. The natural hairs and feathers bring this style of jig to life. If you are having a tough day catching fish, tie on a hair jig and hold on!