

# Fixing Old Lures

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There are probably lots of old lures in your tackle box. Some likely have rusty, worn or even missing hooks. Others have chipped paint—though hopefully it was chewed off by lunkers taking the lure! Lures are expensive, and there are several ways to make old lures like new.



## Re-painting

Vinyl or epoxy paint works best when re-painting or touching up old lures. Most tackle shops and mail-order catalogs have these paints. These paints are applied with a brush or come in spray cans. Try to match the original colors or get as close as you can. Don't worry about being exact.

This is also a great time to change the entire look of a lure. Get color ideas from other lures at the tackle shop or from pictures in a catalog. Wild colors may catch that lunker you have been after. Orange, purple, yellow or bright green are good colors to try on your first lure.

## Replacing hooks

In addition to new treble or double hooks, you will need split rings and split ring pliers. Using the split ring pliers, or wire cutters, remove the old hooks. Place a new split ring on the hook. Then put the new hook on the lure. Sometimes hooks just need to be sharpened. A small, fine mill file can do the trick. File the point on three sides.



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