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Angling Times tackle chief **Dave Woodmansey** takes a look at gear that's in the pipeline or just hitting the shops, as well as products from the angling world – and beyond – that can make a real difference to the way you fish...



**This week:** Fox Essential Guide To Carp Rigs DVD

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# THE BEST EVER CARP RIG DVD

**Fox Essential Guide To Carp Rigs DVD** (RRP £9.99)

**R**EVOLUTIONARY graphic animations make this the best DVD ever made on how to construct some of the sport's most effective carp rigs.

The exceptional, hour-long, Fox Essential Guide To Carp Rigs breaks the mould with a polished, professional explanation of the thinking behind, and precise construction of, seven proven rigs from a basic knotless knot rig to ad-

vanced presentations like the TB, KD and 360 degree rigs.

The DVD is fronted by straight-talking carp experts Max Cottis and Adam Penning, but the star of the show is definitely the multi-thousand-pound graphic animation created by Dave Little.

I watched this DVD at home with my non-fishing girlfriend sitting beside me reading a book and occasionally glancing up at the DVD. I was gobsmacked when she chirped up that she could tie a grinner knot because it was so simple to follow with the on-screen animation.

I also liked the fact that this DVD doesn't try to pass itself off as a guaranteed recipe to instantly make you king of your local water.

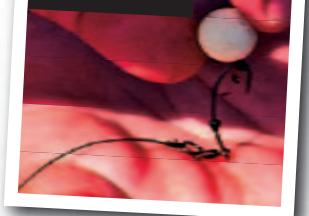
Straight off, we're told that there is no such thing as a 'wonder rig' and that the best rig will not catch carp if there are no carp there. The clear message is that rigs only work in combination with good location and preparation.

With the emphasis firmly on fish safety, Max and Adam discuss what type of hooks and hooklinks to use and explain the purpose of different types of rig components before starting to show you how to build a simple, quick, basic braid rig. As Max says: "Just because you don't need a degree to tie it, doesn't mean it won't catch fish."

The rig sequences are interspersed with fishing action filmed on location at a scenic, un-named gravel pit, but the thing that makes this DVD very special is the extraordinary graphic animation. If you can't tie the rigs demonstrated on this disc after watching it, then there's no hope for you.

In my job I watch a lot of angling videos and DVDs and I'm always fighting the urge

**THE thinking behind each rig is explained.**



to stab the 'fast-forward' button on the remote control. I didn't need it on this one.

If you've got a specimen carp angler in your family and you're stumped for the ideal Christmas gift for them, then look no further. This is the best tenner you'll ever spend, and they'll thank you for it.

The first 5,000 copies have a sample pack of six Fox Arma Point hooks worth £2.25 included in the box, plus a leaflet showing all the rigs made in the programme.

The DVDs are available from all Fox tackle stockists. You can also get one directly from Fox by 'phoning 0208 5596510 or 651101, or via the Fox International website [www.foxint.com](http://www.foxint.com) but there's an additional postal charge of £1.50 for both of these services. Allow five working days for delivery.

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**LEFT:** The action takes place at a scenic, but unnamed, gravel pit.



**RIGHT:** Carp experts Max Cottis (left) and Adam Penning guide you through the rig-making process.



**THE result of a rig properly made and correctly positioned for Max.**