

# New tackle

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## HARDY ANGEL 2 ROD £699

**2** HARDY'S are really flying the flag with the Angel 2 rods as they are made in the UK. I tested the four-piece 10ft 6wt, which weighs 100gr and feels really light and crisp when loaded. It has a tip action and, although I expected a very short casting stroke, I found I could adopt a surprisingly relaxed casting style with little effort for excellent results. Lifting, loading and aerialising line was smooth and efficient and in the overhead cast tight loops were easily achieved. I really enjoyed using the rod with floating, midge-tip and intermediate lines. Although it could handle sinking lines I felt it was happier with top-of-the-water lines so would be ideal for fishing nymphs and dries. If you wanted a bit more power the rod also comes in a 10ft 7wt at the same price. The blank has section alignment markers, with spigot joints and each joint has a cork and nickel silver stopper. Comes in a cloth bag and stylish carbon fibre and alloy tube.

**Verdict:** Superb top-of-the-water rod  
**Contact:** [www.hardyfishing.com](http://www.hardyfishing.com)



## AIRFLO STREAMTEC SOFTSHELL JACKET £89.99

**3** WARMTH and breathability combined with wind and shower resistance are the benefits offered by this softshell jacket. Made from a soft, tightly woven polyester fabric, it is lined with a brushed fleece-finish fabric that traps the warm air around your body. All external seams are fully taped, and waterproof YKK zips seal the pockets. There are two handwarmer pockets and one chest utility pocket with a further zipped pocket inside for valuables. The full length body zip is protected by an external baffle and there's a fabric chinguard to prevent chaffing. The hem has two toggle locks with elasticated draw cord while the cuffs have Velcro fastenings. Available in sizes M to XXL.

**Verdict:** Don't let the cold curtail your fishing trips  
**Contact:** [www.airfloflyfish.co.uk](http://www.airfloflyfish.co.uk)

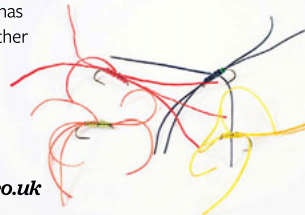
## WORLD CHAMPION'S CHOICE WRIGLEYS WORMS £1

**4** THESE deceptively simple new patterns from Iain Barr are tied on size 10 Kamasan B175 hooks and consist of craft bead bodies with six Flexi-Floss legs. They are available in pink, orange, red, black with green butt, orange and green, sunburst, lime, tan, and olive glo-butt.

Best results come when they are fished on floating or slow intermediate lines and retrieved slowly with random twitches. Iain has taken several double-figure trout, as have other anglers, and he also tempted 47 fish in less than three hours at one venue!

The Worms cost £1 each, or any 12 for £10 or 25 for £20 – free postage.

**Verdict:** Flies with pedigree  
**Contact:** [www.ainbarrflyfishing.co.uk](http://www.ainbarrflyfishing.co.uk)



## HARDY MACH TROPICAL SALTWATER LINES £49.99

**6** THESE lines, aimed specifically at tropical saltwater fly destinations, are designed to withstand hot, humid conditions so do have a slightly wiry feel to them, mainly due to the durable core. But they are also very, very slick through the rod rings, offering good shootability and distance.

The aqua blue lines are available in a floating and a sink-tip version. The floater has a 42 foot head and a 63 foot running line, while the sink-tip has a 38 foot head and a 67 foot running line with a 12 foot clear sink-tip section, which sinks from 1.25 to 1.75 inches per second.

The floater is available in WF6-12 and the sink-tip from WF8-12. Both lines have a seamless welded loop at the front

**Verdict:** Designed to beat the heat  
**Contact:** [www.hardyfishing.com](http://www.hardyfishing.com)

## LEEDA PROFIL WAISTCOAT £24.99

**5** THIS short style waistcoat is incredibly lightweight but packed full of features and will house all the essential bits and pieces you need to carry for a day's fishing.

It has six front box pockets with flaps and Velcro fastenings, a zipped security pocket and a large open cargo pocket on the back. Nice extra touches are the long pigtail retractor with metal clip built into its own pocket, a removable black foam ripple fly patch, and the D-ring on the back. The waistcoat is made of a tightly woven polyester and cotton mix with a polyester black mesh lining and knitted collar. Available in S to XXL.

**Verdict:** Great waistcoat, great price!  
**Contact:** Leeda on 0800 1300 621



The knitted collar is warm and comfortable around the neck line.