

## BEST OF THE BEST

To fish successfully and in comfort, both beginners and pros need the right selection of kit. Practicality is a key factor when choosing gear: whether the apparatus is for protection in all conditions and seasons—rain or shine, winter or summer—storage, or, of course, casting. However, in a sport so often performed in picturesque landscapes, aesthetics and the environment also have a part to play. The carefully curated selection of gear here illustrates the basics every fisher needs, but these pieces feature distinctive variations.



### Ego Landing Net

A soft net will protect the quarry. In this case, the smooth silicone, which is transparent underwater, will not be seen or affect the mucus on the fish's skin—vital when practicing catch and release. The Ghost net's wooden handle allows it to float smoothly on the water.



### Yeti Hopper M30 Bag

A functional bag that is easy to carry and access, ensuring a day of fishing is more comfortable. The Yeti Hopper M30 is extra durable and features a wide mouth for easy loading and unloading. Making use of their own HydroShield™ Technology—a strip of strong magnets—the bag almost closes on its own and is secured with two quick-release buckles for safety.



### Hooké Fishing Cap

Not only a complement to an outfit, a hat keeps an angler warm, dry, and protected from the sun and insects. Underneath the removable logo patch (attached with hook-and-loop fasteners) on this cap by Hooké, fishers can even store their most-used flies.



### Karesuando Pocket Knife

A good knife is vital for outdoor adventures, and folding models lend themselves to easy storage and transportation. Handmade in Sweden by Karesuando—a brand who craft their traditional products in a reindeer-herding area north of the Arctic Circle—this model with a curly birch and reindeer antler handle combines character and functionality.



### Hatch Steelhead Lifecycle Reel

The reel plays a central role in the fun of fly fishing. In the race for unique equipment, this limited-edition 7-plus-weight model engraved with images of the steelhead's lifecycle by Californian artist Lance Marshall Boen is a leading choice.



### Fly Fishing Collaborative Fly Wallet

Lovingly tied flies must be stored well. This soft leather wallet combines handcrafted design with functional features—magnetic clasp, protective wool lining—and the makers help support trafficked children across the globe.

## Fine Tackle Fiberglass Rod

Fiberglass was surpassed by carbon fiber long ago, but vintage-look models remain popular today. Crafted by Swedish rod builder Christian Hörgren, this example of a handmade rod has Epic fiberglass blanks and Mildrum-style stripping guides. In this case, aesthetics beat performance.



### Fishpond Backpack

Hauling around heavy gear is not the best part of fishing, so good bags are essential. This one by Fishpond, who work to strict environmental standards and for social good, has a waxed-canvas exterior with a recycled fabric interior, durable aluminum hardware and multiple pockets for precise organization.

## Topo Design x Tenkara Rod Co. Kit

Though there is less gear required for tenkara—a centuries-old Japanese technique currently enjoying a revival—the rod, line, and fly are, naturally, central. Made by Tenkara Rod Co., this lightweight telescopic rod is ideal for hikers who spend some time at the water but do not want to lug around heavy or bulky equipment.

