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My daughter caught her first fish this summer, while we were visiting family in Northern MN. I took her to a store and she picked out a pink ugly stick casting rod, a bobber the size of a softball, and pink panfish jigs! It worked! See my profile pic... I had to help her to get it reeled in and off the hook but you can see the joy on her face. For a guy like me who's seriously in to fishing, this was a big moment!

I'm thinking we will stick with the casting rod for now, but she seems interested in the fly rod, however she's only four. The hardest part is keeping her attention. At that age they can get bored in about 10 seconds.

A few days ago I put a little rubber eraser on the end of her line and let her try casting it in the basement. She was getting it tangled around pipes and things. I told her she had to learn to untangle it herself. She actually did pretty well untangling and it became a game in itself. I think you have to keep a watchful eye, but let them experiment on their own. Interject tips once and a while but give them long periods to problem solve themselves.