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Stoneman, so far I've been wade fishing because my kayak isn't ready yet. Kayak fishing is better for covering water, but if you know where the fish are, it probably isn't necessary because crappie spawn in the shallows.

This article is great for getting started. [http://www.basspro.com/webapp/wcs/sto ... de=article&objectID=32071](http://www.basspro.com/webapp/wcs/sto...de=article&objectID=32071)

My go to set up is a hand tied 1/124th ounce white rabbit hair crappie jig tied with red thread and a few strands of flash suspended under a thingabobber. Cast it as close to the cover as you can get and work it back with very slow twitches.

My advice on finding them is look for protected water with lots of cover. I suggest looking at maps and satellite images to try and find these areas, then you just cover as much water as you can/ need to. Once you find 1 crappie, there are usually more. Watch for fish breaking in and around brush. This time of year it's usually a dead giveaway for crappie.