

## Tying Bench – The Adams Shrimp

### Tied by John Adams

*Though he lives in the Jacksonville area, John Adams is an active member of St. Pete's Suncoast Fly Fishers club and from time to time fishes with Ken Hofmeister and other SFF members. Having caught many fish with The Adams Shrimp, Hofmeister recommended that we feature this successful pattern in the Tying Bench. (Editor)*

One of the first salt water fly patters I ever tied has proven to be the basis for my go-to fly box. It has been successful in catching all types of saltwater and freshwater fish from bones in Abaco to salmon in Alaska, trout in Montana, smallmouth bass in Canada, and bream and black bass in Florida. The first time I fished it was for reds one fall in a small feeder creek of the St. Johns. I found a school of reds on a large oyster bed and caught 21 reds before moving on. Since then, I have made many modifications in hook size and material combinations. The fly is a great fly for beginning fly tyers to tie and then go out and fish with success.



#### Materials

*The best feature of this fly is that you can mix and match materials to make its color and size match the profile of the bait the fish you are casting to or what they are feeding on. (John Adams)*

Hook—Mustad 3407 or 34001  
Thread—210 flat waxed Match color to chenille color.  
Body—Chenille; I select a sparkle type chenille that will match the size of hook selected.  
Tail--Crystal Flash---Select any color you want. Black or Root beer works good  
Eyes—Barbell or bead chain eyes to match the size of the fly and the desired sink rate.  
Legs—rubber legs, any color or design



*Tie eyes and flash at hook bend*

#### Tying Sequence

Step 1. Tie in a base wrap of thread

Step 2. Tie in eyes and crystal flash at the bend of the hook

Step 3. Tie in rubber legs in front of the eyes to allow more tail action

Step 4. Tie in chenille in front of the eyes then wrap forward and secure at the hook eye

Step 5. Whip finish and glue

Step 6. Weed guard optional: Cut 2 pieces of 50# mono and tie them in just behind the eye then secure them in place with a drop of UV Glue.



*Wrap chenille back to front;*