

Fly Tying Bench — Ron's Estaz Marabou *by Ron Whiteley*

This fly was developed by Ron Whiteley as a simple fly that anyone can tie. It takes five minutes or less to tie and at that rate you don't mind losing a few. The marabou has great action in the water and when you shake the rod tip it makes the fly come alive. Numerous size and color variations can be applied to imitate many different forage species, but plain white works just fine in most circumstances.

MATERIALS:

Hook: Size 1/0 Eagle Claw 254SS (Heavy Hook to provide sink rate.)

Tail: Two White Marabou Feathers

Body: White Estaz (crystal chenille), Large

Thread: Black, Flat Waxed

Flash: Crystal Flash



Ron's Estaz Marabou tied and photo by Ron Whiteley

DIRECTIONS:

1. Wrap the hook with a complete wrap of thread.
2. Select two matching whole marabou feathers. Trim to the desired length, about two to three inches is good. Wrap the two feathers to the hook with the curved side in so that they fit together.
3. Tie about 10 strands of crystal flash, the same length as the feathers, or slightly longer, on each side if the marabou.
4. Wrap in the end of the Estaz to the rear of the shaft.
Use your fingers to fold it back as you wrap it
5. Wrap the shaft solid so that no flash or feathers are showing.
6. At this point soak the thread wrapped shaft with head cement, or if you want a fly that stands up to bluefish, use super glue.
7. Start at the rear of the shaft to ensure all the black thread is covered and wrap the Estaz close and very tightly into the wet cement. With each turn use your finger to fold the material toward the rear of the fly as you pull the next wrap. (Use care with super glue.) Wrap the Estaz in this manner all the way to the eye of the hook.
8. Use the black thread to tie off the Estaz and trim it close. Continue wrapping the thread while holding the Estaz to the rear. Use the thread wraps to make a black spot on the front of the fly to simulate an eye.
9. Cement the head with head cement or super glue. Let dry and coat the head with clear nail polish.