

Tying Bench - No Name Fly by Capt. Dave Dant

The No Name Fly

Actually I'm sure this fly has a name, I just don't know it. I learned the pattern from a Lefty Kreh video probably 11 years ago and haven't seen it since then. Lefty said in the video that it was one of his favorite redfish flies and I can understand why. I personally have caught Redfish, snook, bonefish, trout and a bunch of other species on this pattern.

Materials

- Hook: Mustad 3407 sizes 6 - 1
- Thread: 3/0 waxed thread color to match the body
- Tail & Body: Craft fur (your choice of color)
- Eyes: Lead eyes (various sizes)



No Name Fly tied by Dave Dant Sequira photo

It was suggested during my tying session that you could use dubbing wax and I think this is a good idea. I do not usually use glue or cement but have and it works fine.

Tying Instructions

1. Clip a clump of craft fur about the size of a quarter. Cut it as close to the base as possible.
2. Clean the clump by holding the tips of the fur and pulling all of the under fur out. You may need to add more fur to get the desired size for the tail. Save the under fur in a pile; you'll use it in step #6.
3. Tie in the cleaned fur on the top of the hook a little further back than the point to form the tail. The tail should be about 1-1/2 to 2 times the length of the shank of the hook.
4. Work your thread up the shank and tie on your lead eyes about a 1/4 inch back from the eye of the hook.
5. Work your thread back to the base of the tail and form a dubbing loop approximately 4 inches long.
6. Use the pile of chaff left over when you clean your tail section of craft fur as dubbing and place it in the dubbing loop. Work your thread back to the front of the hook.
7. Once you have the chaff in the loop, twist the loop until the material appears to be secure, then rotate the dubbing loop around the shank of the hook from the rear towards the front crossing (figure eight wraps) and covering the eyes.
8. Finish by tying off your dubbing loop, with multiple turns of your thread around the shank and then whip finish.
9. If you're going to fish this pattern over grass you will want to tie in a mono weed guard.

Editor's note: This fly (I think it deserves a name so I'll call it Dant's Beach Special) can be tied in many colors. In the example pictured, Dave chose a light tan to blend in with a sandy bottom. Dave told me that if you were fishing over a grassy bottom, you might chose a medium olive color. In other words, chose a color appropriate or the conditions you are fishing in.