

Tying Bench — Skull and Bonz by Layne Smith

Smitty developed this fly using the “Fish Skulls” fly head to tempt bonefish, hence the name Skull and Bonz, this same fly is also an excellent redfish pattern.

Materials:

- Hook: Gamakatsu B10S size 6.
- Thread: Pink Flat-waxed Nylon
- Tail: Rose DNA Frosty Fish Fiber
- Flash: Pink Crystal Flash
- Body: Creamy Pink Cross-cut Rabbit Flesh Strips
- Collar: Ice Dub UV Pink Shrimp
- Head: Fish Skulls Pinky Purple Pearl small

Tying Instructions:

1. Tie in sparse hank (doubled V-style) of Rose Fish Fiber 2 ½ times shank length.
2. Tie in 2 strands Pink Crystal Flash in the same manner.
3. Tie in Cross-cut Rabbit and palmer forward leaving room for collar.
4. Tie in collar of UV Ice Dub and whip finish.
5. Apply a dab of Loctite Gel (or Zap-a-Gap Gel) CA glue on front of collar then slide Fish Skull over eye and press into place.
6. Reattach thread and tie a thread dam in front of Skull to hold in place. Apply coat of favorite head cement.

All flies tied by Smitty - Photos by Paul Sequeira

