

Tying Bench - Jurassic-Eyed Bristle Bomber by Ken Hofmeister

This fly, like so many of mine, is tied after watching reds and trout chase prey under the docks. Then too, a trip to Enver Hysni's Tampa Bay On the Fly Shop inspires imagination with new (and pricey) materials. SFF members like Al Pitcher, Ken Doty, and John Adams keep innovating and pushing the envelope to encourage me. Nothing too original here, except for the mix of materials tailored to the current interest of local fish. Fly has been very effective this summer under the dock lights when water is moving.



A bevy of Jurassic-Eyed Bristle Bombers tied by Ken Hofmeister Hofmeister photo

Materials:

- Hook: Owner SSW Model # 5115-101 in either size 2 or size 1.
- Thread: Olive, white, or black (depending on underbody)
- Wing: Angel Silk in olive, off white, and/or grey (www.fishient.com)
- Overwing: Peacock Herl (one herl on each side); Enrico Puglisi Sparkle Brush (Pearl)
- Flash: Green or white Crystal Flash, tied in at sides
- Top: Black and grey polar fiber
- Eyes: Red/silver Jurassic Eyes 6 mm (www.montanafly.com) embedded in Soft Body (www.anglerschoicelytyingmaterials.com)
- Underbody: White Angel Silk

Tying Instructions:

1. Wrap thread from eye of hook to bend and back to middle of hook.
2. Attach small piece of three inch white Angel Silk by tying in middle of hook and material.
3. Attach small piece of three inch olive Angel Silk in same manner, folding over and tying in.
4. Place small amount of black and grey polar fiber to head of fly and tie in.
5. Attach two or three strands of Crystal Flash on each side.
6. Attach one peacock herl on each side.
7. Tie in 1 ½ inch of E P Sparkle Brush by wrapping around hook just above eye and tying in.
8. Wrap head securely and tie off with whip finish, or half hitch. Seal with Sally Hansen's Hard as Nails.
9. Build a base of Soft Body and press eyes into the Soft Body with tooth pick (hold briefly).
10. Best to let dry before sight casting to feeding trout, reds, or snook under the dock lights.