

Tying Bench - Mangrove Snook Fly by Layne Smith

This is my adaptation of Jim Grace's Mangrove Snook Fly from Lefty Kreh's book Saltwater Fly Patterns.

Materials:

- Hook: Mustad 3407 sizes #2 - 1/0
- Thread: White Flatwaxed Nylon
- Tail: White bucktail about 2" long (tapered)
- Wing: 4 to 6 white neck or wide saddle hackle feathers 2 1/2 to 3 inches long
- Flash: 4 strands of Krystalflash and 3 strands of micro Flashabou
- Cheeks & Belly: White Fish Hair (tapered)
- Topping: 6 strands of Peacock Herl
- Head: White Flatwaxed Nylon (built up)
- Eyes: 5/32" flat or 3D molded silver holographic eyes
- Coating: Softex over-coated with Hard As Nails; or epoxy
- Weedguard: (Optional) #3 trolling wire or 20# mono

Tying Instructions:

Step 1: Base wrap hook shank. *NOTE

Step 2: Measure and tie in bucktail at hook point.

Step 3: Tie in 2 or 3 hackles on each side, tented** over bucktail. (Flatten stems to help stay positioned correctly)

Step 4: Tie in Krystalflash at its mid-point and extend back on either side of fly... Repeat with Flashabou.

Step 5: Tie in small bunch of Fish Hair (tapered) on both lower sides of hook as cheeks and belly.

Step 6: Tie in Peacock Herl topping (same length as wing).

Step 7: Build up thread head and apply eyes.

Step 8: Coat head with Softex (or epoxy). Let dry then recoat head with Sally Hansen's Hard As Nails.

*NOTE: If using weedguard, tie in at this step.

** Tenting the wing is tying the hackle feathers in at 11 o'clock and 1 o'clock positions on the hook shank. When looked at from either end of the fly, the feathers should assume this shape “^” over the bucktail.

All flies tied by Layne Smith. All photos by Paul Sequira

Mangrove Snook Fly tied by Smitty



Step 1 & 2



Step 3



Step 3 hackles "tented"



Step 4



Step 5 & 6

