

# Tying Bench - Beachcomber *by Layne "Smitty" Smith*

You never know where you will find inspiration for a fly. While reading an article about the new product "Fish Skulls," Smitty was intrigued with a successful pike fly called the "Ice Pick". Going to work with similar materials and downsizing the fly to make it more suitable for our own inshore species, the Beachcomber was born. It has proven it's worth on the beach many times. We think an all tan Beachcomber would be a hit with pompano. ....ED

## Materials:

- Hook: Gamakatsu SC 15 size 2
- Thread: Flatwaxed Nylon to match
- Flash: 2 strands of pink Krystal Flash doubled
- Body: White Polar Fibre
- Wing: Olive or tan Polar Fibre Divided (or color your choice)
- Throat: Senyo Laser Dub silver minnow and a touch of Senyo Laser Dub red (folded).
- Overwing: Senyo laser dub to match wing
- Cement: Loctite Gel (or similar)
- Head: Fish Skull (small) color to match pattern

## Tying Instructions:

1. Base wrap back half of hook and tie in doubled Krystal Flash, fold back and tie down.
2. Tie in white Polar Fibre on top of hook shank. (This fly rides hook point up.)
3. Invert fly (or rotate if using a rotary vise) and tie in divided colored Polar Fibre; half on each side of fly. \* NOTE
4. (A & B): Invert (or rotate) hook and tie in throat.
5. First tie in Senyo Silver dub at then small amount of red. (See photo).
6. Fold back so silver dub veils the red. (See photo). Tie down.
7. Invert (or rotate) hook and tie in overwing in middle, fold back and tie down leaving room for skull. Whip finish and cut thread.
8. Apply small drop of Loctite to either side of thread wraps and slide on Fish Skull. Re-tie thread. Build up thread dam in front of Fish Skull and whip finish. Coat thread wraps with head cement.

\* NOTE: Wing total (colored Polar Fibre) should be twice the size of belly (white Polar Fibre) amount.

