

Tying Bench – Ballyhoo Fly by Capt. Dan Bumgarner



Capt. Dan's Ballyhoo Fly. Tie some for the

Capt. Dan says..."I originally tied this in chartreuse as a juvenile ballyhoo imitation. I made the thing up last summer and must admit I have not used it extensively. I saw juvenile ballyhoo on the flats and new that trout will eat them as well as small needlefish so tied the fly to imitate the forage. I have fished the fly with a short piece of light wire leader for mackerel and had some success. While the chartreuse version would work under the dock lights I think the white version would be better. I really need to tie some of these on smaller hooks say size 4 and 6. I believe the smaller flies would be much more effective under the lights."

August all-nighter

Materials

Hook-34007 Mustad....**Wing** - Supreme Hair....**Flash** - Pearl Crystal Flash. **Eyes** - Small silver bead chain.....**Thread**- Match wing color with red used for beak tip

Tying Sequence

Tie in thread about an eighth of an inch behind the eye and lay a solid bed of thread back to the barb.

Select a bundle of supreme hair a little larger than a pencil lead and about twice the length of the hook.

Adjust supreme hair bundle to form tapered ends.

Tie the bundle in at its midpoint right above the hook point. (Photo 1)

Mount bead chain eyes on top of bundle tie in point.

Fold the forward facing end of the hair bundle back over the top of the eyes and bind it tightly to form the tail. (Photo 2)

A small amount of flash can be tied in at this point if desired.

Form a smooth bed of thread back up the hook to the starting point and tie it off then tie in a small section of red to form the beak tip. (Photo 3)

Use clear nail polish to cover the beak wraps.

