

## Dennis Marquis: Flash and Brush Baitfish Pattern



I believe I learned this small simple bait pattern from Quin Berry. He and I used it on several successful docklight adventures. I have also used it on the flats and drop offs. You can tie it in whatever colors seems to fit the need, I will start with white. This pattern is simple to tie. When done the fly can be no more than 2.5", and shorter can even be better. Less material is better than more.



*Dennis*

### Materials

Hook: #2 or #4 3407 or whatever hook suits you  
Tail: SF Flash Blend, white (Quin uses Artic Fox Tail in white)  
Head: EP Minnow Head Brush 1.5" white  
Eyes: Large black bead chain  
Thread: White  
Thorax: Optional – red rabbit zonker  
Glue: Head cement or Super Glue.

### Steps

- 1: Smash barb and set hook in vice.
- 2: Tie in bead chain and wrap thread to hook bend. I tie in bead chain at one bead length behind hook eye.  
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3. Clip a pencil size clump of the SF Flash Blend about two hook shanks, for a #2 3407 that is 1.5". Rotate fibers around shank and tie in securely.
4. Tie in the head brush, then advance thread to eye and leave it there. Wrap head brush forward in a palmering method trying to keep brush hairs pointing to the back of the fly.
5. Wrap head brush over bead eyes toward hook eye, around shank and back over bead eyes, then around shank and over and through bead eyes once more. Come around shank behind hook eye and tie off. Clip brush tag.
6. Optional: rotate fly upside down and tie in a beard of red zonker fiber.
7. Whip finish, apply head cement.
8. As needed you can trim tail to fit the proportions of the fly. I also use a EP Finger Brush to comb and blend the materials from front to back.