

Bill Scarola: Mirrodine Fly



Bill was our guest tier on Zoom Monday, January 25. He wrote, "You can tie this in several ways. The goal is to imitate the Mirrodine lure. I've tied this fly from behind the hook eye going straight back with materials but I prefer tying the material forward then pulling it back to form a fuller body."



MATERIALS:

HOOK: # 1 or 2 stinger hooks or similar
THREAD: Flat waxed in white and or olive/gray
UNDER BODY: Doll Hair in white or white EP fibers
UPPER BODY: EP fibers in mullet color or dark green Congo hair blend.
EYES: 4.5 -5mm holographic, stick on eyes. in red or silver
FLASH: Pearl Flashabou or Krystal Flash
BEARD: Red or orange marker
GLUES: Super glue and U V epoxy, and fletching glue or E6000 etc.

TYING SEQUENCE

- 1: Wrap hook from hook eye to bend.
- 2: Add a clump of white EP fibers approx. 2" long and tie forward of hook eye with several wraps of thread.
- 3: Add 3-4 strips of flash to hook shank so they are lying toward the bend.
- 4: Add your top EP mullet fibers & tie in forward as the lower white fibers.
- 5: Pull upper fibers back toward bend, and bring thread up to top of shank, then pull white fibers backward, be sure to keep the fibers separate.
- 6: Build up a dam of thread to hold materials back just behind the hook eye. A small clothespin helps here. Wet the material with your fingers and comb or brush back material. Be careful not to wrap your thread over the material at the head.
- 7: Attach the eyes. Add them with a drop of fletching glue or other. Place eyes on the darker color material above the hook shank. Keep eyes even.
- 8: Cover the eyes with a drop or two of THIN UV epoxy glue and cure, the thin will penetrate the fibers and help secure eyes.
- 9: Now trim your fly with scissors to shape the baitfish to a tapered body and tail. Hold your fly by the head and trim from the tail forward.