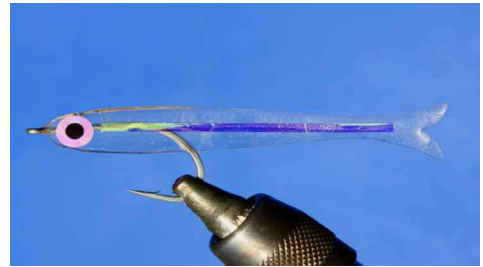


## Smitty's Fly Box: Neerly Nuttin' Glass Minnow



This is a substitute for all you tiers who want to make gummy minnows but have a hard time handling the materials. The technique to make them is definitely different than most flies, but rather simple once you get it figured out. The fly consists of lightly cured acrylic resins. The final product is a realistic bay



anchovy or silversides imitation that is flexible and virtually indestructible! Fish it as you would any glass minnow style fly. The flexible rear two-thirds will swim like live bait. You can make this fly in 1", 2" or 3" lengths to "match the hatch" of local baitfish according to time of season. *Smitty*

### Materials

**Hook:** Short Shank TMC 800S or Gamakatsu SC15 (adjust hook size to baitfish size)

**Eyes:** Stick-on Tape eyes

**Lateral Line:** Saltwater Flashabou or Holographic Flashabou

**Body:** Hard & Flexible Solarez UV Acrylic Resin

**Optional:** Pearl foil tissue, glitter or markers

### Tying sequence

**Step 1.** Draw a slender baitfish shape on a piece of paper (approx. 3" long).

**Step 2.** Create a digital file on the computer by scanning the shape.

**Step 3.** Print the baitfish shape on transparency film using a standard inkjet printer. To create different sized flies, simply adjust the picture size before printing. I make these flies in a variety of sizes between 1-3". With one sheet of transparency film, you can create many baitfish sizes.

**Step 4.** Cut one of the baitfish shapes out using scissors. This will act as your template.

**Step 5.** Lay the baitfish template flat with the hook placed on top of the template.

**Step 6.** Apply hard formulation of UV resin along the front third of the template from the hook eye to just past the hook bend. The hard UV resin gives the front portion of the fly strength so that the flexible UV resin portion of the fly (applied in step 8) will not rip off the hook. Note that you will complete one side of the fly before working on the opposite side.

**Step 7.** Apply eyes and lateral line to this side of the fly.

**Step 8.** Apply flexible UV resin along the entire length of the template to create a three dimensional shape for this side.

**Step 9.** Remove the template. The template can be reused to create many flies.

**Step 10.** Repeat steps 7 and 8 on the opposite side to finish the fly.

(NOTE: This tying sequence can get pretty tricky. If you need help Smitty says feel free to email him at [bluegillflies45@gmail.com](mailto:bluegillflies45@gmail.com))



*Glitz and glitter version*



*Shake a tail feather version*