

Smitty's Fly Box: The Speedy Fly



This small baitfish fly can be used for seatrout all year round and it's bound to be able to catch almost anything that swims and hunts small baitfish. Just combine the colors you like. The weight is important as it gives the fly its jiggy motion.

Smitty



Materials:

Hook: Daiichi Saltwater size 4. Size 6 for summer fishing
Thread: Danville's Flat Waxed Nylon White
Weight: Silver bead 3.5 mm
Tail: Two Whiting Hen Saddle feathers, ginger. 1½" of small Pearl Mylar tubing
Body: Ice Dubbing UV Cinnamon
Hackle: Deer Creek Gliss N Glint Pearl/White
Eyes: 3 mm 3D Eyes
Head: Flymen Fish Mask size 4
Coating: Solarez UV Flex



Tying instructions

Tail prep: Strip two hen saddle feathers leaving the tip and the stem. Put the feathers back to back and run the stems through the Mylar tubing. Add a drop of Solarez UV Flex on each side where the tube touched the stems and cure. Clip into the feathers forming a "V". Rather cut too little than too much. It can be adjusted later. I make several tails while watching TV. Typically, I tie up ten to be ready to attach to the fly.



Tail prep: Tie up several at a time

Step 1: Slip the bead onto the hook. Cover two thirds of the hook with a thread base.

Step 2. Tie your tail down firmly on the hook and add a drop of glue when you have centered it on the hook shank. That will secure the tail.

Step 3. Make a dubbing loop where the tie-in point of the tail ends. Dub the loop sparingly and wrap it to form a body. Don't brush the body yet.

Step 4. Slide the silver bead down against the body and wrap a little thread to secure it. Add some glue or varnish to reinforce it. The weight sits 3 to 4 mm behind the hook eye. Make a new dubbing loop with sparse Gliss N Glint in a hair hackle manner. Wrap it on pulling the fibers towards the tail. Form a small head.

Step 5. Now brush through the dubbing. Use a dubbing needle to loosen the fibers.

Step 6. Attach eyes to indentations in Fish Mask and slide mask onto fly. Tie a thread dam in front of mask whip finish and cut thread. Pull the fibers slightly back and apply Solarez Flex over the eyes and the gaps on the top and bottom of Fish Mask. Cure. Trim the fibers if they are too long.