

Smitty's Fly Box: Docklight Foxcicle



Because this fly incorporates just two materials you can, by mixing and matching the colors of the materials, produce a huge range of color combinations to attract the quarry

you are after (Snook, Redfish, Bass and even Steelhead)

Smitty

Additional Tools

Bodkin, potato chip clip, dubbing wax, dubbing whirl, plunger-style hackle pliers, a toothbrush, and a slick paperback book at least 1" thick. A whip finish tool is optional.

Materials

Hook: Your favorite 2X-heavy, 4X-long streamer hook size #4 (also sizes 2-6)

Head: Silver Tungsten cone, Large *

Weight: .020 lead-free round wire

Adhesive #1: Superglue (Zap-a-Gap, Z-ment, or your favorite CA Cement)

Adhesive #2: Favorite head cement (SHHAN, Z-ment, UV Resin, etc.)

Thread: White Danville flat waxed nylon

Tail: White arctic fox fur

Body/Wing: Pearl, Steelie Blue and Silver Ice Dub

Tying instructions

1. Pass hook point through small hole in cone head and slide around hook bend and up to hook eye. Place the hook firmly into the jaws of your vise.

2. 020 wire is used to add weight and stabilize the cone head. Holding the end of the wire tightly, make about 10 to 15 wraps up the hook then helicopter to break break it off close and make sure you can slide the wraps up the hook shank.



I've tied this one in docklight colors but you can change colors to catch other species, fresh or salt.

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Tying instructions, continued

- 3.** Slide cone head back toward the bend slightly. Apply a drop or two of cement onto the hook shank just behind the hook eye. Push cone head forward to hook eye, then push wire wraps forward into the back of the cone and hold for a few seconds while the adhesive sets. You can now tuck in the tail of wire without the wrap simply spinning around the hook shank. The cone should now be locked in position. With your bodkin, make sure the hook eye is clean of adhesive.
- 4.** Get thread started behind wire wraps. Wrap forward to further lock the weight to the hook; then end with your thread halfway down the hook shank.
- 5.** Cut an ample clump of arctic fox from the hide. Pull out some but not all of the underfur and even the tip ends of the tail. Measure to slightly longer than hook shank. Wetting the material really helps get it under control and makes tie-in much easier.
- 6.** Check your measurements again as you transfer it to your other hand. Snip off excess butt ends and tie in at the rear edge of wire wraps. Continue wraps back to hook bend to bind down the fur to the shank then wrap forward to tie in point halfway up the hook shank.
- 7.** Lay out small clumps of Pearl Ice Dub on the edge of the book about the length of your chip clip. Next a much thinner layer of Steelie Blue Ice Dub over top of the Pearl. Add some Silver Ice Dub starting halfway down the pile and adding more to the end.
- 8.** Lay a metal ruler on top of the dubbing, splitting it in half. Push the strip of dubbing off the edge of the book and grab it with the chip clip. Set aside. Also have ready dubbing wax, dubbing whirl and plunger style hackle pliers.
- 9.** Use your thread to make a dubbing loop slightly longer than the head of the chip clip remembering to take a wrap-around legs of loop then a couple of wraps backwards over the hook shank and loop stopping just over the hook point.
- 10.** Use dubbing wax to coat both legs of loop. Place dubbing into loop and close loop with dubbing whirl. Pinch loop just below dubbing with your finger and thumb and give the whirl a good strong clockwise turn. Release thumb and finger. After dubbing has formed a noodle, brush vigorously with a toothbrush.
- 11.** Take a few wraps with bottom end of loop around the hook of your plunger hackle pliers, close hook to secure thread and snip away whirl. Wrap standing thread backwards to hook bend then forward to back of the cone.
- 12.** Wrap dubbing forward in touching wraps preening material backwards as you go. Keep wrapping until you reach the cone head. Use standing thread to tie off. Trim any excess loop. Whip finish and cut thread. Coat thread wraps with head cement or UV Resin.
- 13.** Again brush out dubbing to release any trapped fibers. Preen backwards and trim away any unruly fibers to create baitfish shape.