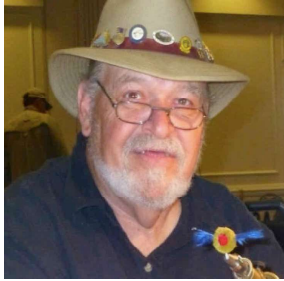


Smitty's Fly Box: Captain, The Bluegill Killer



Tie up some of these for the freshwater outings -- Seminole Lake and ponds in August, Safety Harbor ponds in September, and the Hillsborough River in October. Bluegill love the rubber legs. (Until they don't.)



Smitty

Materials:

Hook: TMC 3671 Size 10.

Thread: Orange 6/0.

Body: Black Chenille - Medium or Small.

Weight: Gold or Tungsten Bead and 3 or 4 turns of .020 lead wire

Tail: Orange Round Rubber Legs.

Hackle: Black Saddle

Tying Instructions:

1. Mount the bead on the hook.
2. Place the hook in the vise and start the thread behind the bead. (Sliding lead wire under the bead will keep it from wobbling.)
3. Tie on two strands of the rubber tail material behind the bead. Stretch the rubber material as you wrap over it toward the bend. Stop at a point on the shank directly above the barb of the hook. Clip the tail slightly longer than the shank of the hook.
4. Return the thread to a point behind the bead. Tie on the chenille and wrap over it towards the bend stopping at the point on the shank directly above the barb.
5. Bring the thread forward to behind the bead. Wrap the chenille forward and tie it off one eye length behind the bead. Clip the excess chenille.
6. Prepare and tie in a black hackle behind the bead. Make two or three wraps of hackle and tie it off. Clip the excess.
7. Whip-finish and apply a dab of head cement.

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