

Smitty's Fly Box: Electric Bunny



I recommend tying this fly in two different color schemes. It's a great fly for "nosey" reds as they try to "sniff out" their prey while tailing. You can crawl it over the bottom or retrieve it with short strips. ... Good Luck !

Smitty



Tie it brown and rusty



Tie it white and chartreuse

Materials:

Hook: Gamakatsu SL12 S #2 to 2/0

Thread: Danville's Flatwaxed Nylon (to match body color)

Eyes: Medium to heavy Stainless Steel bead chain

Tail: Magnum zonker rabbit strip (rust or white) same length as hook shank

Legs: Silicone legs (brown w/ orange glitter or clear pearl w/ silver glitter)

Body: Estaz (root beer or chartreuse)

Finish: Solarez UV Resin

Directions:

1. Start thread just behind hook eye. Build up a bump of thread then build up another bump of thread $\frac{1}{8}$ " farther down the shank. Place bead chain between thread bumps and tie in securely.
2. Wrap thread in open wraps to hook bend. Tie down rabbit strip firmly with touching wraps of thread making sure skin side of strip is facing up.
3. Rotate to invert hook in vise and tie in 2 to 3 lengths of leg material by wrapping them around the standing thread at their mid-point and securing them half each on either side of hook. Trim legs just beyond the end of zonker strip.
4. Advance thread to barbell eyes and tie in Estaz. Wrap Estaz in touching wraps to bend of hook covering zonker tie-in completely then over-wrap back to bead-chain eyes to create a thicker body then tie off and trim excess.
5. With thread, create a smooth head by counter-spinning your thread before making head with touching wraps. Whip finish and trim excess thread.
6. Coat head with UV Resin and cure. Re-coat and cure a second time for a smooth and shiny finish.