

Smitty's Fly Box: Whatever-You-Want-Baitfish"



This baitfish pattern can be converted to represent any bait fish you choose, be it saltwater or freshwater, just by changing the colors and amounts of material. It can represent a whitebait or a greenback ... a Tennessee shad or a freshwater minnow! ... It's a very versatile fly



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Materials

Hook: Black nickel wide gap worm hook size to match your baitfish choice

Thread: Mono Tying thread

Weight: Lead wire (per sink rate) wrapped on belly of hook (optional)

Body: Wrapped diamond braid (silver or pearl) to match your baitfish choice

Wing: Dyed coyote tail to match, over natural gray silver fox tail, over white fox tail

Flash: Pearl Krystal Flash & 2 strands of silver holographic Flashabou ¼" past wing

Cheeks: Fluorescent pink marabou or choice to match pectoral fin

Eyes: 3-D silver/black

Head: Solarez UV Resin

Tying Instructions

Tied in order that the materials are listed.

1. Put your hook in the vise. Attach thread just behind the eye and wrap down to the belly of the hook. If weight is needed to create desired sink rate, wrap on size and weight of lead wire to the belly of the hook then over-wrap with thread to secure, ending with thread at back end of lead wraps. Tie in diamond braid.
2. If no weight is needed ignore lead wire and just wrap thread back the belly of the hook to just past the halfway point and tie in diamond braid. Advance thread forward to just behind the hook eye. Wrap braid forward in touching wraps to standing thread. Tie off and cut away excess.
3. Tie in a section of white fox tail long enough to reach just past hook bend, then tie in the gray silver fox tail on top to reach back just past the white fox. Lastly tie in the coyote tail to extend back just past the silver fox. You may apply head cement after each wing section to create a more durable fly if you like.
4. Tie in Krystal Flash in on both sides of the fly to spread over the body of the fly and end just short of wing. Tie in two strands of Flashabou along the lateral line on both sides to extend ¼" longer than the wing.
5. Tie in on each side a feather of choice (pink marabou, silver pheasant or your favorite cheek feather).
6. Attach eyes on cheek and touching hook just behind eye and overcoat with UV Resin filling in gap between eyes.