

Bill Scarola: Mop Fly



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This month's outing is at Walsingham Lake Park, on Saturday, March 19. We're looking to catch bass, brim, aka sunnies, etc. The pattern is the "MOP FLY". This can be tied in a variety of colors and sizes. I prefer jig hooks for this fly. For best results, these flies are fished below the surface, at or near lily pads or grass reeds, or in visible grass

that's underwater.

Meet up with other club members and tie the Mop Fly with Bill and Bruce Evensen at 6 pm on Monday, March 14. Bruce's fly-tying studio is at 531 80th Avenue N in St. Pete. These "MOPS" are the type you might use to wash your car! Cut a few pieces off and tie them up. Bill and Bruce will have some extra materials if you need them but bring your own hooks.

Materials:

HOOK: Jig hooks sizes, 8, 10, up to 6. Option is pre-leaded jig heads from 1/8oz. - 1/16 oz - 1/32- or 1/64oz. Standard fresh water "J" hooks can also be used in 8,10, and 12 sizes. NOTE: to add weight to J hooks add a small split shot at the hook eye up to about 6" above the hook eye. Or, add a lead wrap to the shank first.

BODY: Mop pieces in assorted colors. 3/4'-1" or longer. Or pieces of the mop type yarn. See picture. NOTE: if you're using mop-type yarn you can make your flies longer as in 2,3,4,5 or 6-inches. Your choice.

HEAD: Estaz in assorted colors. Use contrasting colors to the mop body; for example, chartreuse mop and white or pink estaz.

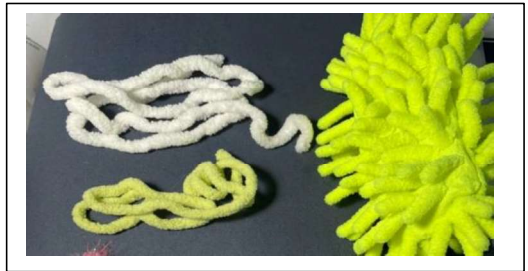
Have fun mixing up the color combos. See pic above.

THREAD: Match colors to materials used. Use a bright RED or Mono thread.

GLUE: Super glue, aka head cement,

Tying Sequence

- 1: Wrap hook from eye to point.
- 2: Tie on a bit of Estaz, 2 to 3 wraps, just behind the hook eye or jig head.
- 3: Tie in a piece of mop material just behind the Estaz. Attach only the front end of the mop with a few wraps and tie it off. The rest of the mop length should extend past the bend!
- 4: Add a dab of glue to all thread wraps.



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