

## Smitty's Fly Box: SF Seatrout Baitfish



I learned to tie this at the hands of fellow tier Steve Farrer ... I like to tie this fly in mullet browns and tans for this area, the blues are more of a north Atlantic color).

Fish this fly like any baitfish pattern i.e. varied short and long stripping action. Set the hook with a strong strip strike or let the fish set the hook for you. Your choice!



*Smitty*

### Materials:

Hook: Partridge CS 54 #2 shrimp hook or Mustad 34011 #2

Thread: Danville Flat-waxed Nylon white or Clear Mono (medium)

Weight: 3 strands of .020 lead wire \*

Belly: Tiers favorite Pearl dubbing (Gliss 'n Dub, Senyo, etc.) \*

Body: Steve Farrar Blend Off White

Flash: Silver Gliss 'n Glow or Flashabou

Wing: Steve Farrar Blend Mackerel (or Camo, Mullet Brown, Olive or Tiers choice)

Head: Pro Softhead size small or x-small or Fly Men's Fish Mask size #4 or #6

Eyes: 3D eyes to fit Softhead or fish mask

Cement: CA Cement and Solarez UV Resin

**\*NOTE:** These are optional if you want to weight fly to fish deeper. If you want to fish skinnier water skip steps 1 & 2 in tying sequence

### Tying Sequence:

Step 1. Attach thread behind hook eye and wrap back on shank approx. halfway. Tie down lead wire.

Step 2. Coat thread with dubbing and cover the lead wire.

Step 3. Take a hank of belly material (about 1/8" thick when stretched) measure to twice hook length and tie in with several wraps an eyes-width behind hook eye. Fold over towards hook bend and tie down. Trim excess.

Step 4. At tie-in point, tie in three strands of flash to fly length and then fold over and tie down as in step 3. Trim excess.

Step 5. Take a hank of wing material (slightly less than body material) and tie in the same as step 3 but **DO NOT** fold back and tie down. Let excess hang out over the hook eye for the time being. Whip finish and cut thread.

Step 6. Eyes may be attached to the softhead or fish mask at this time or you can put them on when the fly is completed. Either way, attach with a small drop of CA cement in the eye recess on the head.

Step 7. Fold back excess wing material and coat with UV Resin and slide head onto hook. Re-attach thread and tie in thread dam to hold head in place Coat eyes and cure head and eyes with UV lamp.

Step 8: Taper wing and belly to baitfish shape in length desired ... and GO FISH !