

Bruce Evensen: Mullet Clouser



Bill Scarola and I are vacationing so we won't be helping you tie this fly in person in July or August at my St. Pete fly tying studio.

This is tried and true fly and a good one for upcoming outings in lower Tampa Bay. It's a baitfish imitation but, on the beaches, in the surf, it also looks and acts a bit like a sand flea. Beach snook eat it up.



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Materials:

Note! this is a standard CLOUSER PATTERN. but with different materials..

Body- Top- gray Steve Farrar Slinky Fiber

Body- Under, white Steve Farrar Slinky Fiber

Thread- Gray flat-waxed or whatever. Mono works here, too.

Flash- Optional.. Steve Farrar Slinky Fiber has sparkly fibers in it

Epoxy-UV epoxy and curing light. Sally Hansen top coat can be applied to remove stickiness of cured epoxy

Glue- Super glue (aka head cement), Zap a Gap, etc.. I like brush-on nail glue.

Tying Sequence

1. Wrap thread from hook eye to bend, bring thread to front
2. Attach barbell eyes to top of hook about 1/4 to 3/8th inch behind hook eye. Use figure 8 wraps 3-4 times, then 2-under/over wraps to secure eyes. Some tiers add some super glue to firmly secure eyes.
3. Add a small clump of white Steve Farrar material. Start in front of eyes then tie down material behind eyes several wraps on each side of barbell eyes.
4. Rotate fly so white material is on top then add a large clump of gray sf material in front of the eyes and tie in front of eyes only.. Material should be slightly more than the white belly material, but still you should still be able to see through the gray stuff .
5. Whip finish the front of the fly to a tapered head.
6. Apply epoxy glue to cover thread and barbell eyes.