

## *Smitty's Fly Box: Silverside/glass minnow*



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*Silverside minnows are also known as glass minnows which are also known as anchovies. They are one of Tampa Bay's most prolific baitfishes along with sardines and threadfin herring. This is an imitation anchovie so please don't put it on your Caesar salad.*



*Silverside Glass Minnow*

### **Materials**

Hook: Gamakatsu SC15 #1/0 or Daiichi 2546 #4

Thread: Fine monofilament thread

Flash: Pearl Krystal Flash

Body wrap: Pearl braid

Body: Pearl flash dubbing

Gills: Red braid

Overwing: Holographic silver flash dubbing

Eyes: 3/32" Silver eyes

Epoxy: Solarez thick formula

Overcoat: Solarez "Bone Dry"

### **Tying Sequence:**

1. Attach thread ¼" behind hook eye and wrap back to mid hook shank. Fold Krystal Flash around the standing thread then tie down to hook bend. With staggered snips, cut flash to size you want minnow to be.
2. Tie in pearl braid and advance thread to halfway point of shank. Wrap pearl braid forward to standing thread and tie off and trim.
3. Tie in red braid then advance thread to original tie in position. Wrap red braid forward to standing thread and tie off and trim.
4. Measure pearl dubbing for length, tie off and fold excess to back and tie down. Repeat the same process with holographic dubbing.
5. Apply eyes to either side of fly at original tie in point making sure they are even. Add a drop of resin on top between eyes and cure.
6. Apply resin to the body of the fly back to hook bend and allow to totally saturate the body material (make sure to stretch body material backwards as you do the curing process).
7. Overcoat resin with "Bone Dry" making sure to apply over eyes as well.
8. Trim body material to desired minnow shape. Go fishing!!!

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