

## Tie the Rusty Baitfish Fly with Bill Scarola and Bruce Evensen



*Fly of the month: Tie the Rusty Baitfish Fly. This one is tied in rust-colored, brushed-out macramé rope. But it can be tied in any other color like green, white, white/grey etc.*



*Bruce Evensen and Bill Scarola on the job*

*In case you missed it we're tying flies in person on TUESDAYS at Bruce's studio at 531 80 Ave, North in St. Pete.*

### **Materials**

HOOK- Short shank 1/0 or circle hook.

EYES- 4-5 MM stick ons, silver/black.

BODY- Rust colored Macrame rope fibers, or similar, (ex. E P.) Use pieces approximately 5-6 inches long.

THREAD- Brown or rust flat waxed. Or Monofilament.

MARKER- Black marker.

GLUE- Eye glue and U V Epoxy.

### **Tying Sequence**

1. Strip macramé rope fibers and brush out until smooth. Cut
2. Cut in lengths of 4-5 inches.
3. Wrap hook shank from eye to bend.
4. Add a piece of fiber approximately half a match stick in thickness, place fiber around thread, pull backward and tie it in front of the bend, leaving part above the hook shank.
5. Add your 1st three bundles working forward on top of the shank then add two more pulling them under the hook shank. Add one or two more rope bundles as above until material is just behind the hook eye. Do not make the bundles too thick. Material should be thinned so it's almost transparent.
6. Tie off rope material and brush the material flat.
7. Using scissors, trim the material into a fish body shape as shown above.
8. Attach your eyes with your favorite eye glue.
9. Epoxy glue the thread wraps and eyes..
10. Place seven stripes, evenly spaced, on the top half of the fish body.

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