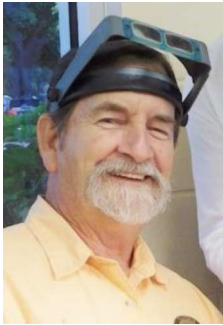


Bruce Evensen & Bill Scarola tie the Blondie Fly



Bruce

The Blondie fly is a minnow imitation that seduces fresh and saltwater game fish year-around, and this is our recommended fly to entice the most strikes at December's Fort DeSoto Park outing.

You should see lots of nervous water indicating schools of baitfish that are pushed to the surface by predators just below.



Bill

Materials

- Body: White bucktail only or, alternately, chartreuse and pearl Flashabou with peacock herl and silver tinsel
- Hook: #2 -3407 or # 2 stingers
- Glue: UV Epoxy and Super Glue.
- Eyes: Black marker or small stick ons
- Thread: White flat waxed and/or Uni Mono

Tying sequence

1. Wrap hook from eye to bend
2. Add white bucktail for the tail. Tie up to and just in front of the bend. Tail length should be 1-1/2 times hook shank length.
3. Add tinsel from 3/8" behind hook eye building up a thick body in the middle of the shank. Be sure to extend it beyond the bucktail fibers.
4. Tie in 6-8 strands of pearl flash in front of the tinsel so that it stays on top of the shank.
5. For the top of the fly tie in bucktail in front of the tinsel. If using peacock herl, tie it in above the top bucktail.
6. Whip finish a small head to secure bucktail, tinsel, and Flashabou.
7. Use black marker to dot the eyes or add the stick ones
8. Cover the head area with UV epoxy and cure. Alternatively, secure the head area with Super Glue.



Top: Blondie with bucktail, Flashabou, peacock herl, and silver tinsel.

Bottom: Blondie with bucktail only.