

Fly Tying Bench *by Paul Sequira*

CLACKER CLOUSER

At our September meeting, our guest speaker Pauly Mahorny entertained us with an excellent program about fly fishing for some of the larger game fish available to us here in the Tampa Bay area. Pauly gave us lots of information including some of his favorites flies. One of those flies was yet another Clouser – the Clacker Clouser. This was a new fly to many of us including your editor. So here it is as Pauly described it – there are other versions, but that is another story.

Once again, this is a simple fly to tie and except for the brass beads, uses materials common to most saltwater flies. Brass beads are available at our local fly tying material shops.

MATERIALS

- Hook: Mustad 3407 or equivalent sizes 2 to 1/0
- Thread: 3/0 or flat-waxed nylon, color to match wing
- Body: two brass beads
- Eyes: Bar bells or bead chain
- Tail: chartreuse marabou
- Wing: white buck tail
- Flash: pearl Krystal Flash



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DIRECTIONS

Pinch down the barb on the hook point and slide two medium sized brass beads with the larger hole facing the hook eye over the hook point and up onto the hook shank. The smaller hole will be facing the rear of the hook after completing this step.

Place the hook in the vise and attach thread just in front of the hook bend and tie in a medium bunch of chartreuse marabou on top of the hook shank. This tail should measure approximately 1½ times the length of the hook. Secure the tail with a whip finish. Cut the thread and coat the wrap with head cement.

Attach thread approximately ¼ of the shank length behind the hook eye with a jam knot and work the thread back several turns. At this point make a little bump with several wraps of thread. Place the bar bell or bead chain eyes up against the bump, this will give the eyes a secure place to be fastened with figure eight thread wraps. Look at the eyes from the front of the hook and be sure that they are positioned straight across the hook; if not, straighten them out at this time. After you've lashed down the eyes, start the thread behind the eyes and take several wraps over the hook to the far side, under the far side eye, over the hook in front of the eye and under the near side eye. Repeat this step 8 to 10 times. Be sure that all of your wraps are as tight as your thread will allow. This wrapping process helps keep the eye from turning on the hook. At this point, I put a drop or two of head cement on the thread wraps to set them securely. Writing/reading these instructions, takes about ten times longer than the actual procedure.

Turn the hook over and tie in about 4 or 5 strands of pearl Krystal Flash using the “center tie and fold” method described previously in front of the eyes.

Tie in a medium bunch of white buck tail on top of the Krystal Flash. The length of the wing should be approximately 1½ the length of the hook. Cut away the excess buck tail butts, wrap a nice tapered head and complete the fly with a whip finish.