

Ken Doty's Snook Fly

Lefty Kreh once said something to the effect that a good fly not only catches fish; but it should take only a few minutes to tie. Ken Doty's Snook Fly certainly meets those requirements. This simple fly is easy to tie, uses only three readily available materials and catches fish with the best of them. In fact, it is one of the best night snook flies I know of.



Ken's Snook Fly tied by Ken Doty

Materials:

- Hook: Mustad 3407 (or similar) sizes #1 or #2
- Thread: 3/0 white flat waxed nylon
- Tail: 2 white saddle hackles
- Wing: 3 clumps of white marabou
- Flash: pearl flashabou

Tying Directions:

- 1) Start thread slightly behind hook eye and wind to hook bend
- 2) Match one pair of white saddle hackles with curvature facing inward and measure to twice the length of the hook. Remove the excess fibers and tie in by the butts on top of the hook shank at the start of the bend. Secure the hackle stems with several thread wraps; cut and discard excess hackle stems.
- 3) Select a small bunch of white marabou fibers about the thickness of a wooden matchstick. Place them a short distance ahead of the tail tie-in point and secure them to the top of the hook shank with several wraps of thread. The marabou fiber tips should extend to half the length of the tail. Cut and discard the excess marabou fibers.
- 4) Select 3 strands of pearl flashabou, place on side of hook shank at marabou tie-in point and secure with several thread wraps. Take several wraps around the hook shank with the long end of the flashabou, take to opposite side of the hook and secure them with several thread wraps. Cut the flashabou even with the length of the marabou on both sides of the hook.
- 5) Repeat steps #3 and #4 with a second bunch of marabou and flashabou leaving a small space between the two bunches. Repeat once more with a third bunch of marabou and flashabou.
- 6) Wrap a neat thread head and whip finish. Finish with several coats of head cement.

Ken Doty's Snook Fly is a fly you can fish with confidence, spotted sea trout, redbfish and ladyfish love it too.