

Tying Bench - E.P. Tarpon Bunny by Bryon Chamberlin

Bryon Chamberlin has an arsenal of tarpon flies (see the picture gallery for a look at the fly box he and his frequent fishing partner Nick Angelo brought along) and he demonstrated one of his favorites — the EP Tarpon Bunny described below.

Materials:

- Hook: Gamakatsu SL12s 1/0
- Tail: Chartreuse Barred Zonker Strip
- Body: Natural Strung Saddle Hackle
- Head: Tan EP Shrimp Dub
- Eyes: Black Plastic Eyes
- Thread: Red Flat Waxed Nylon



E.P. Tarpon Bunny tied by Bryon Chamberlin
Sequira photo

Tying Instructions:

1. After placing the hook in the vise, attach the thread on the shank, near the bend in the hook.
2. Tie in the zonker strip on top of the hook and trim the leather to about 1 inch in length (shorter to reduce fouling on the hook)
3. Tie in 1 saddle hackle by the base, just in front of the zonker tail. Leave the fluffy base on the feather to add bulk and movement to the fly while in the water. Palmer the feather forward and pack it tightly. Tie the feather off and trim the excess.
4. Tie in shrimp dub and wrap thread forward to about 3/8 of an inch from the hook eye. There tie in the plastic eyes via figure eight wrap.
5. Wrap the thread to the hook eye and palmer the shrimp dub all the way forward. Secure the shrimp dub with the thread and trim excess.
6. Whip finish and apply head cement.
7. Using a wire brush, comb out the shrimp dub and trim to desired length.

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