

Tying Bench – Simple Baitfish....Tied by Al Pitcher



There are many “Simple Baitfish” patterns. The one I have tied for the past several years is primarily designed to be fished high in the water column of the flats or around docks. As with most bait fish patterns, you can alter the color scheme to meet the local baitfish. This pattern is not only very simple to tie, but it is a killer for snook and trout. If you wish to fish a little deeper in the water column, just wrap the hook shank with some lead prior to adding the material.

Materials

Hook: Gamakatsu SC 15 Hook size #2 to #1/0. I prefer the #1.

Thread: Monofil .004 and Danville 210 denier, flat waxed nylon; tobacco or dark brown.

Wing/Body/Belly: EP 3D Fibers in the colors of Back Country, Mullet, Baitfish Olive, and Baitfish Belly.

Eyes: 1/4”-3/8” Hologram Dome Eyes; size selection is based upon the final product.

Glue: Head cement and Clear Cure Goo (CCG); in lieu of CCG you can coat the eyes, head, and wraps with Hard as Hull.

Tying Sequence

Step 1: Starting at the hook eye, lay down a base of Monofil back to the hook bend and then back towards the eye.

Step 2: Begin just in front of the hook point. Tie in small amount of EP Back Country Fiber. Next, tie in small amount of the EP Mullet slightly in front of the previous material. Finally tie in another small amount of EP Baitfish Olive

Step 3: Turn the hook over and tie in a small amount of EP Baitfish Belly.

Step 4: Whip finish and tie off the Monofil. Form a head with the Danville 210 denier; whip finish and tie off the Danville.

Step 5: Place eyes and coat them and the head with either CCG or Hard as Hull. If using Hard as Hull, several coats may be needed.

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