Tying Bench

Chris Sexton's Snook Fly

About this fly000

After casting in vain at lots of snook, I was complaining to Chris Sexton and Ethan Kiburz at Flint Creek Outfitters about the problem. Both of them said: "Steve Farar's fiber tied white and SPARSE." I bought some white and invited Chris to tie for SFF. At the tie-a-thon, he offered to trade me one of his flies for one of mine. I tried it that night and caught snook. And I have hooked or caught snook every night since (two different things-hooking and catching). Without directions, I improvised and modified to include peacock herl and crystal flash. SPARSE is the magic word. *Ken Hofmeister*

Materials

Hook: Gamakatsu SC-I5 #I Thread: Ultra Monofilament .006

Adhesive: Backcountry Laboratories Hard-As-Hull

Fibers: SF Blend White & Olive Epoxy: Loon UV Knot Sense Eyes: Mirage Eyes 7/32



Tying Sequence

Step I: Start the thread at the mid point of the shank and advance the thread back to the bend where the bobbin hangs just about I/8" behind the hook point.

Step 2: Take a very sparse clump of white SF fibers (about 20-30 fibers tops!), double over and cut to make it half the length. Then tie in the material at its mid point, creating an I/8" thread dam.

Step 3: Pull back, fold over and cinch down on the portion of material that hangs over the eye of the hook. Hit the thread bump with hard-ashull.

Step 4: Repeat steps 2 and 3, twice more, leaving you with three folded over sections of white.

Step 5: Repeat steps 2 and 3 one last time with a sparse clump of olive SF fibers. Then whip finish and hit with hard-as-hull.

Step 6: Apply the Loon directly to the material before you stick on the eyes. Make sure the material has absorbed the epoxy and then stick on the eyes. Cure.

Step 7: Do a final coat of UV epoxy over the eyes. Use the rotary function of the vise to rotate the fly which will smooth out the layer of epoxy.

