Tying Bench

Smitty's Beach Snook Fly



Materials

Hook: Mustad C47SD "Shrimp" Hook #1 Thread: Danville Flat Waxed Nylon White Tail: Craft Fur tapered Collar: Arctic Fox Body Fur (placed in dubbing loop and palmered) Head: UV Pearl ICE dub (tied in then folded back over body) Eyes: Any 3-D molded eye to size Finish: Clear fish skull, UV Resin or epoxy

Tying Sequence

Step 1: Right above hook point tie in craft fur tail one and a half to twice hook shank length.

Step 2: Advance thread slightly and create dubbing loop; insert arctic fox and twirl creating a brush.

Step 3: Palmer brush forward at the same time stroking back the arctic fox fibers to create body.

Step 4: Finish palmering just short of hook eye then tie in a small bunch of UV Pearl Ice Dub. (Make sure to tie the dubbing at it's midpoint and that it encircles hook shank).

Step 5: Whip finish and cut thread, and then fold back the dubbing that is extending past the hook eye. (Make sure that your dubbing radiates out from hook eye as you fold it back so you are covering the whole head of the fly not just folding it back on top).

Step 6: Place 3-D eyes on fly and then coat with UV Resin creating a head. (If you like you can use epoxy instead oone of the new clear "fish heads."

The snook fly, as noted, is great fished along the beaches. It is a great baitfish pattern for dock light fishing as well. I tie it in various sizes from a 2/0 hook down to a size 4 or even 6 when the

bait is on the small side, like in the

spring. Layne Smith

New member Bill Richards goes to school on fly-tie guru Layne (Smitty) Smith.

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