

Tying Bench Pat Damico's "40 Snook" Destroyer Fly



This is a destroyer pattern fly much talked about since somebody reporting catching 40 snook in one outing.

I watched Don Reed tie this fly in different colors at the Florida Fly Fishing Expo in Crystal River. You can watch it being tied on this You Tube video, too.

Experiment with different colors and sizes.

Materials

Hook: Gamakatsu SL12S

Tail: Finnish Raccoon with Krystal Flash crown

Collar: Red Estaz Grande

Eyes: Wapsi dumbbell eyes

Body: EP Dubbing Brush

Weed guard: 20-30 pound Mason mono

Tying Instructions

Step 1. Cover hook with thread and end about 1/8" from eye. Place dumbbell eyes 3mm in front of eye and take thread back to hook point.

Step 2. Select clump of Finnish Raccoon hair for tail. Do not remove underfur, trim butt part to give you proper tail length and tie on top of hook wrapping back to before hook bends. Make 2 or 3 turns around base of hair creating a post that stands up. Select 6 strands of Krystal flash that when folded around thread will be almost as long as tail. Secure this with thread spreading them around tail.

Step 3. Coat all thread with Dave's Flexament. Tie in red Estaz Grande and make 2 or 3 wraps forward, ending at hook point; tie off and trim excess. This provides throat, gills, blood line, etc.

Step 4. Select EP Shrimp Dubbing Brush or use dubbing loop to make your own and tie in front of Estaz. Wrap EP material forward stroking each turn with a dog hair brush toward tail. Figure eight dumbbell eyes and continue wrapping and stroking leaving enough room for a head. Tie off and whip finish and coat head with cement. Use dog brush for final shaping and trim excess with scissors.

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