



I LOVE catching Mayan cichlids, oscars, bass and bream in the Everglades canals. I love to throw poppers, sponge and cork, and see them engulfed by these fish. Purple is the color for topwaters that I really like to use. But streamers also work just as well, if not better. The exotics like to eat the fry of other fish, and their own. This fly looks like a cichlid fry. Cast it into cover and move it slowly. The feathers

will undulate. The fly will get eaten.

Materials

Hook: Long shank, size 4

Eyes: Bead-chain

Body: Bucktail, white and orange with red knitting wool

Flash: Crystal flash on both sides of tail

Tail: Feather and chenille

Tying Sequence

Step one: Wrap thread from eye to bend and back.

Step two: Tie in bead-chain eyes.

Step three: Tie tail with bucktail, I use white and orange.

Step four: Add a piece of knitting wool in red, combed apart.

Step five: Add crystal flash to sides of tail.

Step six: Tie in feather and chenille at bend. Wrap chenille and tie off in front of eyes.

Step seven: Palmer feather over body and tie off in front of eyes.

Step eight: Tie off thread and coat it with sealer.

Step nine: Trim tail and mark with black marker

