Tying Bench

Capt. Pat Damico's Simple Shrimp Fly



This is a shrimp fly that can be tied simply or more complicated. You can...

- Adjust color
- Tie in antennae or not
- Palmer hackle to make legs
- Stripe it with a marker
- Add more or less weight with different eyes
- Vary hook size from 6 to 1.

Materials

Hook: Size 4, Mustad 34007 (Tie with size 1 to 6 as appropriate)

Eyes: Dumbbell Antennae: rubber legs

Chenille: Estaz Head: Fish hair Glue: Flex cement

Tying Sequence

Step one: Begin with size 4, 34007 Mustad hook. Wrap the thread back close to the bend with a harmonious thread color and size

Step two: Add dumbbell eyes with figure eight wraps. Continue wrapping the thread down to the bend. Add rubber legs for antennae

Step Three: Tie in double amount needed at thread then use thread to secure it

Step four: Tie in Estaz and wrap the thread forward, leaving room for building up the head. Coat thread with flex cement

Step five: While still wet, wrap Estaz forward with at least two Estaz wraps behind the eyes and tie off the thread.

Step six: Select some fish hair or similar material and tie in at the head. Some flash can be added if you prefer.

Step seven: Taper and tie off the head with whip finish. Trim it to the desired length past the hook bend and taper the tail end with scissors.

Step eight: Hold this material so that it stays on top of the fly behind and between the eyes.

Step nine: While holding it at the bend of fly with one hand, use the other to apply light cured resin to the top of the fly. Resin should cover head and part of bend. Cure with light and do some final trimming to get desired shape.