

Tying Bench Smitty's Summer's Tide



Freshwater Shiner or Shad Imitation

This is a modified color variation of my saltwater Summer's Tide. It is a great fly for largemouth bass. It has two variations to imitate either the Golden Shiner or the Tennessee Shad ... Tie one on... you'll like it.

Materials

Hook: Claw 245N, Mustad C70S D or Mustad 34011 bendback style size 1 - 2/0

Thread: Black Flat-waxed Nylon

Tag: Holographic Red Body Braid

Body: Holographic Gold, Silver or Pearl Body Braid

Underwing: Badger Hair or American opossum. (See note)

Flash: Polarflash Gold or Silver/Pearl. (See note)

Wing: Russian Black Squirrel Tail (or Black Bucktail or Black Bear Hair)

Coating: UV Resin

***NOTE: Use gold flash and badger hair to imitate a shiner or use silver/pearl flashes and opossum to imitate a shad ***

Tying Instructions

Step 1: Prepare bendback hook and insert in vise (hook point down). Tie in Red Body Braid using 2 to 4 turns for tag.

Step 2: Tie in choice of Body Braid depending on version you are tying (Shiner or Shad) and wrap forward to bendback portion of hook, secure and cut off remainder. Coat Body Braid thoroughly with UV resin for a longer lasting fly.

Step 3: Invert hook in vise (or if you have a rotary vise, just turn over) so it is in the standard bend back position and tie in Badger or Opossum Hair (Shiner or Shad) $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 times hook shank length.

Step 4: Tie in choice of Polarflash (Shiner or Shad) using V-style method to distribute it evenly over top and sides of Badger or Opossum.

Step 5: Tie in Russian Squirrel Tail, Black Bucktail or Black Bear Hair wing. Keep it sparse.

Step 6: Tie a nice head and coat with favorite UV Resin. You can add small eyes if you like before coating with UV Resin.