

Tying Bench

DAVE JOHNSON'S PETTICOAT STREAMER *Tied by Layne (Smitty) Smith*

Smitty: Tie it right and the marabou comes alive in the water.



This pattern was shown to me by Dave Johnson, a good friend of mine and the fly creator. This fly is as good in saltwater as it is in freshwater, catching a multitude of fish species from freshwater bluegill and bass to snook and tarpon in saltwater. The technique for attaching the fluffy marabou makes it come alive in the water.

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Materials

Hook: Mustad 3407 or 34007 size #6 to #6/0 Thread: Danville Flat waxed Nylon white

Tail: Pearl Flashabou

Body: Mylar Tinsel or Flashabou over-wrapped with clear 15 lb mono

Wing: Marabou

Adhesive: Solarez UV Resin or SHHAN

Misc.: Dubbing Twister and Marc Petitjean's material clip or similar (i.e. bulldog clip)

Tying sequence

Step 1: Start the thread at hook eye and wrap back 1/8" and tie in the clear 15lb mono on the underside of the hook shank then wrap thread back to just past hook point in closed wraps and half hitch to secure wraps. Tie in tinsel with a couple of half hitches and wrap thread forward to 3/16" from hook eye. Palmer tinsel forward in over-lapping wraps to thread position, tie off and remove excess tinsel.

Step 2: Make an overhand knot in the mono around the hook shank with the tag end of mono pointing toward eye of hook and snug down tight. Wrap mono forward in consecutive wraps to standing thread and tie off. Trim excess mono and coat body and thread wraps with thin coat of UV Resin and cure.

Step 3: Wrap thread toward bend of hook to measure 1/4" from hook eye and then double two pieces of Pearl Flashabou around thread and extend back over hook shank as a tail and tie off. Pull out enough thread to create a 4 to 5 inch dubbing loop and finish with two thread wraps around hook shank to complete the loop. Post the two legs of loop with two wraps of thread to close loop. Advance thread to the spot 3/16" from hook eye and lock down with a half hitch.

Step 4: Using a Marc Petitjean Magic Tool, cut marabou from quill so the marabou is about 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 inches long and if bunched together, would be the size of a pencil. Hook the thread loop with the dubbing twister and place the marabou in loop so butt ends protrude about 1/16" past loop. Leave about a 3/16" gap between the marabou and the hook shank. Pull down on the twister to close loop.

Step 5: Keeping pressure on the loop to keep it closed, rotate the twister clockwise about 30 or 40 turns. The loop will begin to shrink in length and the marabou quills will be locked in place.

Step 6: Palmer the marabou-dubbing loop forward, blowing the marabou back toward the hook point with each wrap (personally, I use a small hand-held fan attached to a base saves on lung power!) Once you have reached the eye of the hook, tie off the loop wrapping back over marabou slightly with tight wraps.

Step 7: Whip finish, cut away the thread and then apply a thin coat of UV Resin to secure.