

## Tying Bench *The Flash* By Layne (Smitty) Smith



This is the fly I will be tying for the January meeting ... It's a great fly for ladyfish (the target fish for the January outing) as well as Spanish mackerel or any other species that loves a flashy presentation with a quick retrieve. You can use any color combination you like as this comes in a wide variety of colors. I like to use pearl for the tail and body and a mix of pearl and silver for the wing to imitate glass minnows for ladyfish. Other combinations are great for fish like Spanish mackerel that like a lot of flash.

### Materials

Hook: Mustad 33011 #2 - 1/0 (or my favorite Mustad 34184D (long shank) or 34185D (short shank) jig hook

Thread: Danville Flat waxed Nylon

Eyes: Barbell eyes of choice (i.e. brass, lead or bead chain)

Tail: Kreinik Flash Silver

Body: Kreinik Flash Silver > Make these three items as sparse or as full as you like. \* Check NOTE:

Wing: Kreinik Flash Gold

Cement: Solarez UV Resin, SHHAN or your favorite head cement

### Tying Instructions

Step 1: Insert hook in vise and wrap thread base to hook point. Return thread to 2/3 point on hook and tie in barbell eyes with figure of eight wraps.

Step 2: Return thread to hook point and tie in tail by doubling material over thread to measure one hook shank length and cut. Tie down firmly and return thread to just in front of barbell eyes.

Step 3: Tie in body material (should extend just past hook bend) in front of barbell eyes with a couple of firmly wound wraps allowing excess material to extend out over hook eye. Fold excess body material back over barbell eyes and tie down toward hook bend ending with your thread just behind barbell eyes.

Step 4: Return thread to just before barbell eyes and tie in wing material to measure same length as body, fold over and tie down firmly creating a smooth head. Whip finish head with smooth wraps. Trim excess wing material off to match body length.

Step 5: Coat thread wraps with UV Resin, SHHAN or your favorite head cement

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