

Tying Bench – *Murdich Minnow – as tied by Layne Smith*



The Murdich Minnow was created by Bill Murdich for Umpqua Feather Merchants for saltwater gamefish. Smitty has made some adjustments and he'll tie some at the July meeting. It's a good fly for our July outing at the Blackthorn Memorial at the Sunshine Skyway North Rest Area. [More info and pictures.](#)

Materials

Hook: Do-It 455, size 4 to 2/0, Eagle Claw 254, Gamakatsu SS15 or similar hooks 1XL.

Thread: Danville 6/0 monofilament

Tail: Layered clear white Unique Hair, Flashabou Ice Blue Pearl and Flashabou Silver

Belly / Sides: Wing'n'Flash Ice Blue Pearl and silver

Head: Pearl Wapsi Palmer Chenille or Orvis Trilobal in 1 1/4" size for a 2 to 1/0 hook Back: Prismacolor Premier Cool Grey 80% marker

Adhesive: Fletch-Tite Platinum

Eyes: 5/16" Molded holographic eyes for hooks size 2 to 1/0

Tying Sequence

Step 1. Place the hook in the vise and lay down a solid base wrap. With mono thread you want to ensure a good grip on the hook to keep the final fly from spinning on the shank. Bring the thread back to a point about 2x the hook eye back in open spirals.

Step 2. Tie in the Unique Hair. Sparse is an important attribute! The original fly used bucktail, I like the synthetic for its improved translucency and ability to shed water and keep the working weight of the fly down.

Step 3. Tie in the clear pearl Flashabou. There shouldn't be more than 20 strands on a size 2 fly. Trim the Flashabou just a little bit longer than the Unique Hair.

Step 4. Tie in the silver Flashabou. Use the same about as you did on the clear pearl. Trim this bunch just a little bit longer than the clear underneath.

Step 5. Tie in a short, thick bunch of Wing'n'Flash Ice Blue Clear material to form the belly.

Step 6. Tie in a second bunch of the Wing'n' Flash on the opposite side of the hook.

Step 7. Tie in the same size bunch of silver Wing'n' Flash on top of the silver Flashabou.

Step 8. Tie in the Palmer Chenille and start to wrap the head. I like to have the head get progressively denser as it comes forward.

Step 9. Here the basic structure of the fly is complete.

Step 10. Using a Cool Gray 80% Perma-Marker, color in the top of the head.

Step 11. Using a toothpick, work the adhesive into the material deeply.

Step 12. Put the eyes in position and wait for them to set.

Smitty