

Tying Bench Smitty's Flash Minnow for Bass

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Tie some of these for the Carl Hanson outing competition on the Hillsborough River

Materials

Hook: Gamakatsu B10S Stinger hook or your favorite wide gap bass hook

Thread: Danville Flatwaxed Nylon Black

Tail: Black Holographic Flashabou or other color

Body: Black Holographic Flashabou or other color

Accent Flash: Red Holographic Flashabou

Head: Tapered thread head coated with Solarez UV Resin

Cement: Sally Hansen Hard as Nails

Tying Instructions

Step 1: Put hook in vise and work the thread back to the point of the hook

Step 2: Cut 15 or so strands of your base flash color from the shank. Fold it over itself and cut the bundle in half. Pull a taper into the strands.

Step 3: Tie in, on top of the shank, a little past the half-way point to build a taper to the tail. Wrap forward about 5 or so wraps then wrap back to the tie-in point. (You can add bucktail above and below the tail to prevent fouling if you find the need to do so.)

Step 4: Select 4-6 strands of accent color (red holographic flash in this case, this color combo is my favorite and best producing. Then repeat step 2. Tie in a fraction longer than the black to add taper. Wrap forward 5 wraps.

Step 5: Pull the forward facing strands backward and tie down. Work your thread to about the $\frac{1}{4}$ shank

mark **Step 6:** Repeat Step 2. However, after you cut it, fold it again, cut, and then pull a taper into it.

Step 7: Use the front strands of the tail to judge the tie-in point to taper the fly. Tie in with 5 or so wraps forward. Ensure the flash encompasses the hook shank. Pull forward-facing strands back and tie down. Advance thread to the half way point.

Step 8: Repeat steps 6 and 7. Continue to build taper into the fly.

Step 9: Repeat step 4 with accent color. Tie on top of the shank as an over-wing only. Tie in the bundle with the backwards facing strands between the tail strands. Fold back and tie down forward-facing strands. Advance thread to $\frac{3}{4}$ point on the hook.

Step 10: Repeat Steps 6 and 7. Continue to build taper into the fly. Advance thread to hook eye.

Step 11: Repeat Steps 6 and 7. Watching the taper of course. Fold forward facing strands backwards, and start building the head a small amount. Then repeat Step 9 using your last overwing as the judge for the tie in point. Fold back and form a nice head. Finish tapered head with a coating of UV resin.