

Tying Bench – Layne Smith Ties Don Coleman’s Nearly Live Bait Fly

Fly of the month for the Don Coleman Memorial--Fort DeSoto Park outing. The Nearly Live Bait fly is a very popular and productive fly. This fly has even out-fished live whitebait on a charter captain’s boat. It can be tied in any color and colored with markers to imitate any type of baitfish. This fly has caught too many species to list. It is even great on largemouth bass.



Materials

Hook: Size 2 to 2/0 Eagle Claw 254ss, L067S or Gamakatsu SC15

Thread: Clear mono Thread

Tail: Krystal Flash pearl or UV Pearl

Wing/Belly: Neerhair Polar Bear, EP Fibers or Congo Hair in white

Flash: Angel Hair (sparse)

Eyes: 3D Prism Eyes or posted animal eyes (trimmed)

Adhesives: Super Glue and FletchTite

Top Color: Chartpak Waterproof marker. (choice of color)

Tying Sequence

Step 1: Tie on about 12 strands of Krystal Flash doubled over at the rear of the hook just before the bend.

Step 2: Tie on a 2” clump of white Neerhair (at mid-point) over the Krystal Flash, and then double the front portion under, tying it down. Put a drop of super glue on that tie in spot.

Step 3: Wrap the thread about 3/16 of an inch forward again this time put all the materials on the top of the hook like a high tie.

Step 4: At the same point as step 3, tie on the white to the bottom side of the hook in a low tie style.

Step 5: Wrap the thread about 3/16 of an inch forward and repeat step 3 and 4 and then tie on some Angel Hair to the sides of the fly for flash.

Step 6: Repeat step 3 and 4 at the eye of the hook and finish off the head.

Step 7: Trim the fly to a high profile minnow shape. Color as desired with markers.

Step 8: Stick on the 3D Prism Eyes (or trimmed posted eyes) with FletchTite.

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