

## *Tying Bench Layne Smith Ties Blane Chocklett's Faux Clouser*

Faux is French for false. But in this case we've got a real Clouser but it's tied with Faux Bucktail. Not that there's anything wrong with that. In fact, there are advantages. It may be called a Faux Clouser but it's for real.

Tie some up for the January outing at Bay Vista Park at Pinellas Point.



Fly of the month: Blane Chocklett's Faux Clouser

### **Materials:**

Hook: Mustad 3407 or 34011 size #2

Thread: Danville Flatwaxed Nylon white

Weight: Painted barbell eyes Medium to X-small-

Small Belly: Lighter Faux Bucktail

Flash: Krystal Flash or Flashabou to complement fly wing:

Lighter Faux Bucktail Overwing: Darker Faux Bucktail Head:

Thread head (color to match overwing)

Cement: SHHAN and Solarez UV Resin

### **Tying Instructions**

**Step 1.** Place hook in vise and attach thread creating a thread saddle to hold barbell eyes. Tie the thread saddle at the  $\frac{2}{3}$  mark of hook shank (if you want a swimming minnow action) or the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mark (if you want jiggling shrimp action), and then tie in barbell eyes and secure with figure-eight wraps with SHHAN.

**Step 2.** Advance thread to front of hook and tie in lighter Faux Bucktail belly with close wraps of thread in front of barbell eyes changing to open wraps behind the barbell eyes to the bend of the hook and then return wraps to back in front of barbell eyes again using open wraps.

**Step 3.** Rotate hook in vise 180 degrees and tie in another section of lighter Faux Bucktail as a wing to equal length of belly (keeping all thread wraps in front of barbell eyes).

**Step 4.** Attach about 6 or so strands of flash using the "vee" method to lay back over the wing. Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " longer than Faux Bucktail. Whip finish and trim thread.

**Step 5.** Change to darker thread and tie on overwing using the darker Faux Bucktail. Form a smooth thread head and whip finish. Coat head with UV Resin and cure.

*Smitty*