Tying Bench – Bruce Evensen Polar Fiber Minnow

Suncoast Fly Fishers tied this at Bruce Evensen's fly tying studio on Monday, Oct. 29. Special thanks to Bill Scarola for providing the materials and instructions.

Materials

Hook: 1/0 bait holder with short shank (aka "live bait hook"

Thread: flat-waxed white or chartreuse or mono thread

Body: Polar Fiber -- chartreuse, olive, white, gray, and orange for belly

Flash: Flashabou (pearl)

Magic Markers: black or brown plus orange for belly

Eyes: large holographic stick-on bubble type

Glue: UV epoxy



Bruce's Polar Fiber Minnow. You choose your colors.

Tying Steps

Step 1: Wrap thread to hook point

Step 2: Tie in body material. Tie all body materials front to back starting behind hook eye.

Step 3: Add a small clump of white polar fiber to underside of hook, then add another small clump of white on top of hook shaft.

Step 4: Add a small clump of colored body fiber on top of top white material.

Step 5: Add a few strands of micro fiber orange or polar fiber to belly. or color throat area with orange marker.

Step 6: Add several strands of pearl Flashabou on each side of fly.

Step 7: Whip finish head binding all fibers just behind hook eye.

Step 8: Add eyes to fly. Be sure to keep eyes above the hook shank.

Step 9: Glue head, covering eyes. and thread wraps.