

## Tying Bench – Bruce Evensen Deerhair Minnow



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### **Materials**

Hook: Size 4 - to - 6 stingers or #2 sb-15's  
Thread: Flat-waxed, tan or mono  
Head: Deer body fur  
Hackle (optional): Dry fly hackle fibers in tan or brown grizzly  
Tail: Craft fur in tan or white  
Eyes: Doll eyes, either stick on or with stems  
Mark-up: Brown

### **Tying sequence**

Step 1: Wrap thread from hook eye to bend!

Step 2: Tie in small batch of craft fur. 1-1.5 times hook shank, just above and in front of hook bend

Step 3: Tie in hackle (optional) in front of tail's craft fur, 2-3 wraps, tie off.

Step 4: Attach a clump of deer body hair, and spin hair by pulling firmly on thread then pack it rearward. Add more deer hair to fill in head, be sure to pack it tightly. Add as much as needed to fill in the space in front of hackle to hook eye then whip finish! Add a drop of glue.

Step 5: Trim head fur to form a small bead shaped head. A razor blade works well here as do scissors. If you didn't use hackle you can leave some of the longer deer hair un-cut to form a neck behind the head fur while trimming the bead-shaped head.

Step 6: Tie on or glue on the eyes of your choice. Fletching glue works well here.

Step 7: Use a Magic Marker to add an odd number of stripes on the tail.