

Tying Bench – Layne Smith’s Salt & Pepper

Fly of the month for the Cypress Point Park outing. The Salt & Pepper fly is a good imitation for silversides, whitebait and even a glass minnow. Trout love flashy bait as do the mackerel family especially Spanish Mackerel. Fish it fast when being chased ... 'cuz you can't strip it fast enough when those species are hungry.



Materials

Hook: Mustad 34011 size #2 or your favorite long-shanked saltwater hook
Thread: Danville Flatwaxed Nylon (white)
Body: Silver Mylar tubing
Tail / Wing: Salt & Pepper Flashabou
Head: Build-up of tying thread
Gills: Collar of Danville Flatwaxed Nylon (red)
Cement: SHHAN

Tying Sequence

Step 1. Remove core from Mylar tubing and slide over hook shank. Fray the end of tubing so that it extends past hook bend about $1/2$ ". Measure cord to a heads-length behind hook eye and cut. Secure cord at bend of hook with a half dozen wraps of thread and a 3 turn whip finish. Cut thread and cement with SHHAN and then overcoat with UV Resin and cure.

Step 2. Re-tie thread at front of cord and secure with same thread wraps and whip finish and cement as you did at hook bend (DO NOT CUT THREAD AT THIS TIME)

Step 3. Attach 15 to 20 strands of Flashabou to the topside of hook at tie-off point, so that they extend $1\frac{1}{2}$ " past hook bend, and then fold Flashabou back over itself and tie down with thread wraps and whip finish (Again, DO NOT CUT THREAD). Trim folded over Flashabou at hook bend as a wing. Use scissors to taper wing and tail so they don't look like a squared-off paint brush.

Step 4. Use a number of thread wraps going back and forth from tie-off point to hook eye to create a smooth rounded head for the fly. Finish off with a 6 turn whip finish.

Step 5. Attach red thread just behind head and create a collar to represent gills. Tie off with a 3 turn whip finish. Cut off excess thread. Coat head and gills with UV Resin and cure.

NOTE: Eyes are optional. If used, add before UV Resin overcoat.

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