

Bruce Evensen : Carl Hanson Bendback Minnow



Bruce Evensen

The hook rides upside down and it's covered up by fiber so you can fish grassy flats without catching weeds. Bruce led flytiers on the step-by-steps at his home fly tying studio on Feb. 10.



Materials

Hook: Size 1 or 1/0 3407 stinger hooks, etc..

Thread: Red flat waxed

Body: Olive and white bucktail

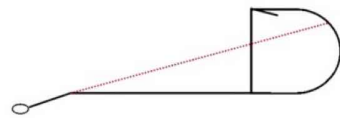
Flash: Pearl Flashabou or similar

Glue: UV Epoxy or Zap a Gap type

Sequence

- 1: Bend hook as shown in diagram. Approx. 15 deg.
- 2: Wrap thread on front of shaft up to the bend you created...
- 3: Add a small clump of white bucktail to form the bottom of the fly
- 4: Add a few strands of pearl flash on top of white bottom
- 5: Add the olive color bucktail forming the top of the fly.
- 6: Whip-finish the front of the fly in your red tread, approx. 1/8" long.
7. Add a black marker dot on each side of red thread to represent eyes, then epoxy the head and cure w/ UV light.

A properly bent hook. Notice that the plain of the bend meets the back of the gape of the hook. If it is over-bent beyond the point of the hook, hooking the fish is impossible, the angle with which the hook travels doesn't allow for the hook point to dig into the fishes mouth.



Bruce