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Smitty's Fly Box : Jointed Pencil Popper

Materials

Hook: Daiichi saltwater 2546 #2

Thread: Danville Flat waxed Nylon White

Tail: Krystal Flash Pearl

Rear Body: Frizzle Chenille (Hairline

Dubbing) UV Pearl (large 5/8")

Articulated Shank: Fish Skull Shank 1 3/8" (35 mm)

Front Body: Soft Body Perfect Popper

Eyes: 1/4" molded eyes silver w/ black pupil

Coating: Loon Hardhead Pearlescent Green or Solarez UV Resin. NOTE: If using UV Resin, add optional pearl glitter and mix in disposable mixing cup

Cement: Fletch-Tite Platinum, CA Cement or SHHAN

Misc: Scotch or Blue painters tape, Red Sharpie, pearl glitter (optional)



Tying Sequence

Step 1. Place hook in vise and lay down a base wrap from hook eye to just above the hook barb. Take 6 strands of Krystal Flash and fold in half and cut, repeat and then wrap the flash around thread at halfway point of flash and tie on hook shank just above the barb for the tail. Trim to hook shank length if needed.

Step 2. Attach Frizzle Chenille in front of tail and palmer forward to hook eye, stroking material backwards after each wrap as you go. Whip finish, coat and cure with UV Resin

Step 3. Use curved scissors to taper rear body all around to tail.

Step 4. Attach articulated shank down through hook eye. Remove hook from vise and then insert the back loop of the articulated shank in vise. (Note: Use a twist-tie to tie hook bend to vise shaft to keep it from flopping around as you finish the rest of the fly.)

Step 5. Attach thread to rear of articulated shank and use several wraps to close gap of the shank and then continue to lay down a good base wrap to within an eyes width of the shank eye using "touching wraps" as you go. Whip finish and trim thread. Apply a drop of head cement to thread wraps at both the front and rear of shank.

Step 6. Coat base wrap with CA cement and then open the slit in popper body and slide onto shank making sure to cover thread at rear of shank with the popper body. Rotate the vise 180 degrees to expose the slit in body. Fill gap with CA cement, pinch closed and hold until cement sets.

Step 7. Use "blue painters tape" or Scotch tape to create a template for coloring the head of the fly. Start the tape at the slit on the bottom of the popper body and tilt the angle of the tape to mimic the angle of the fly face until you get to the top then angle it back to match the other side going down the other side. Cut off remaining tape leaving a tab for easy removal after coloring head. Color head and/or face with red Sharpie. Remove tape.

Step 8. Attach eyes with Fletch-Tite making sure to even them out vertically and horizontally.

Step 9. Starting from the rear of the popper, apply coating (Loon Hardhead or UV Resin) with smooth strokes to coat body being careful to not allow the Sharpie colored portion to run. This step can be made a little easier by re-aligning popper body in vise to hang vertically as you apply the coating. Let dry in rotating dryer or, if using resin, cure with a UV light.

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