

**Bruce Evensen: Blondie -- Fly of the Month**



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Bruce Evensen's Blondie is a minnow imitation that appeals to fresh and saltwater fish year-around, and it will invite fish bites for Suncoast Fly Fishers fishing May's "virtual" outing.

**Materials**

- Body: White bucktail only or, alternately, chartreuse and pearl Flashabou with peacock herl and silver tinsel
- Hook: #2 -3407 or # 2 stingers
- Glue: UV Epoxy and Super Glue.
- Eyes: Black marker or small stick ons
- Thread: White flat waxed and/or Uni Mono

**Tying sequence**

1. Wrap hook from eye to bend.
2. Add white bucktail for the tail. Tie up to and just in front of the bend. Tail length should be 1-1/2 times hook shank length.
3. Add tinsel from 3/8" behind hook eye building up a thick body in the middle of the shank. Be sure to extend it beyond the bucktail fibers.
4. Tie in 6-8 strands of pearl flash in front of the tinsel so that it stays on top of the shank.
5. For the top of the fly tie in bucktail in front of the tinsel.
6. If using peacock herl, tie it in above the top bucktail.
6. Whip finish a small head to secure bucktail, tinsel, and Flashabou.
7. Use black marker to dot the eyes or add the stick ones
8. Cover the head area with UV epoxy and cure.



*Top: Blondie with bucktail, Flashabou, peacock herl, and silver tinsel. Below, Blondie with bucktail only. You can top off the bucktail-only version with peacock herl as well.*

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