

## Smitty's Fly Box



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### Skull 'n' Bones

I sent a bunch of these flies to a friend of mine who was going bonefishing in the Bahamas and he said he hooked up almost every cast. He was very pleased with the performance of the flies enough that he wanted me to make some more for himself and some for his friends as well. The fly can be fished three different ways ...as a shrimp or as a crab or as a baitfish, all depending on your retrieve.



### Materials

Hook: Gamakatsu B10S size 6.  
Thread: Pink Flat-waxed Nylon  
Tail: Rose DNA Frosty Fish Fiber  
Flash: Pink Crystal Flash  
Body: Creamy Pink Cross-cut Rabbit Flesh Strips  
Collar: Ice Dub UV Pink Shrimp  
Head: Fish Skulls Pinky Purple Pearl small

### Tying Instructions



1. Tie in sparse hank (doubled V-style) of Rose Fish Fiber  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times shank length.



2. Tie in 2 strands Pink Crystal Flash in the same manner.



3. Tie in Cross-cut Rabbit and palmer forward, leaving room for collar.

4. Tie in collar of UV Ice Dub and whip finish.

5. Apply a dab of Fletch-Tite Gel (or Zap-a-Gap Gel) on front of collar then slide the Fish Skull over the eye and press into place.

6. Re-attach thread and tie a thread dam in front of Skull to hold in place. Apply coat of favorite head cement.