

Fly of the Month, November 2014



Flig 'n Jig
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This is my fly version of the “Pig 'n Jig” used by Bass angler's when fishing heavy cover. Tying it with the longer tail, as it hits the bottom, the foam tag on the tail sways enticingly! If on the other hand, you are after saltwater species, use the short-tailed version for Redfish and the like ... just swim it!

The use of this particular hook style allows for better hook-ups since it swims hook point up. Good luck on which ever style you use !!!

Materials:

Hook: Mustad 34184D 60 degree bend Jig Hook size 1/0 to size 2

Thread: Danville Flat-waxed Nylon, choice of color to match

Head: Large Brass or Tungstun cone

Weight: .025 lead wire

Tail tag: Paddle-shaped foam strip

Tail: Medium Ultra Chenille (Vernille) in choice of color

Body: Estaz, color to match or contrast

Collar: Strip of “unseparated” rubber leg material *

* NOTE: Rubber leg material comes in 1” wide strips. Cut strip about 3” long and then divide strip in half lengthwise. That ½” should be enough wrap fully around fly before separating to make a full skirt.

Tying Sequence:

Step 1: Measure and cut length of vernille tail you will be using (long tail 5-6" /Bass ... short tail 3-4" for Reds) and then prepare tail assembly by tying the foam strip on to one end of the vernille ... whip finish and cut thread. Set aside until step 6.

Step 2: Wrap a dam of thread on the hook shank just behind the eye of the hook at the 60 degree bend and cut (this will stop the cone from sliding over the bend).

Step 3: Mash down the hook barb to allow cone to slide onto hook. Slide cone on (pointed end first) up to thread dam.

Step 4: Wrap approximately 15 wraps of .025 lead wire tightly around hook shank. Push wraps forward into cavity of cone (this will center cone and solidify head).

Step 5: Reattach thread and overwrap lead.

Step 6: Measure tail to desired length (about 5½" from hook eye to tip of tail for long version and about 3½ " from hook eye to tip of tail for short version)and tie in just behind lead wraps. Advance thread toward cone (leave about 1/8" gap behind cone) and then palmer excess vernille over lead wraps to the 1/8" gap. Tie off and cut away any excess vernille. Back-wrap thread to the original tail tie in point.

Step 7: Tie in Estaz and overwrap vernille and lead to the gap left between body and head. Tie off and cut away excess Estaz.

Step 8: Place strip of "unseparated" leg material on top of fly at the 1/8" gap so that 2" lays back over body and 1" lays over cone head. Pinch leg material so it wraps completely around fly and tie in with about 6 to 8 tight thread wraps.

Step 9: At this time, separate legs on back 2/3^{rds} only (when done, loose legs should completely encompass hook shank).

Step 10: Now fold back remaining 1/3rd and tie off (thread wraps should fall between leg material and cone disappearing behind cone head). Whip finish and cut thread.

Step 11: Separate last bunch of leg material as you did the first . These should also encompass hook shank as the first set did, though slightly shorter.

Step 12: Coat thread wraps on tail and the dam in front of cone with SHHAN... and GO FISHING !!!