

Conga Minnow

Materials

Hook:	Size 2 or 4, 2X long
Thread :	clear mono
Body:	conga hair
Flash:	minimal or none
Eyes:	3-d
Head:	tapered mono
Marker:	brown or black Sharpie



Tying Sequence:

1. Put the hook in the vise and attach thread at the hook point and wrap back to the eye.
2. Tie in a two-inch piece of lead wire and wrap around the hook about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch behind the eye. Tie in optional flash about half way down the hook. Use only one or two strands as it will really stand out. Dark flash can represent a lateral line.
3. Cut a two pieces of conga hair (one light, one darker) about the size of a pencil and divide them into four equal, sparse bundles. Use less than you think you need. They should be twice as long as the length of your fly or about six inches.
4. Turn your fly point up and tie a white bundle about halfway down the shank so that it goes down each side evenly. Turn the hook over and tie a dark bundle on top at the same place and fold back over the top. Repeat this process six more times with the remaining bundles, working to the eye of the hook with the last bundle.
5. Add a Mason (20 lb.) weed guard. Flatten the end of the mono with pliers, bend to 45 degrees , tie in and trim. 5. Comb out with an old tooth brush to straighten out your fibers; trim to a minnow shape.
6. Add eyes with a good glue; Goop or Fletch
7. Place the eye in the vise, pull on the end of the fibers and bar the body with the marker.
8. Finished fly should have a body you can see through; sparse is best.

You can buy conga hair at the www.flytyersdungeon.com. It's a great value at \$2.00 a package with multiple colors. Also, Smitty gave me this site for eyes: <http://lisaandedseyes.ipage.com/>. One hundred eyes for about \$2.50.