

Fly of the Month

Smitty's

Sabalo Yucatan Tarpon Fly

You can tie this pattern using a different color head and facing hackle such as white, chartreuse, hot orange, etc. You may substitute a grizzly hackle for the white collar hackles for a more natural appearance. Fish the fly with short to medium staccato pulls and twitches.

Materials

Hook – Gamakatsu SL 12

Thread – Danville flat waxed, colored to match

Tail – Barred rabbit zonker and pearl flashabou

Body – Large webby saddle hackles (Two grizzly and one solid color suggested)

Head – Cactus chenille or estaz (color to complement the fly)

Tying Instructions

Wrap a base of thread to the bend of the hook and tie on a zonker 2 – 2 1/2 inches long.

Tie in a short loop of 20lb mono on top of the tail to keep it from wrapping.

Draw the tail up through the loop and tie a couple of strips of flashabou on either side of the tail and cut it just a bit shorter than the tail.

Tie the two grizzly hackles forward of the tail and palmer them forward separately.

Tie the solid hackle forward of the palmered grizzlies and palmer it forward.

Tie in the chenille or estaz and wrap it forward almost to the eye of the hook. Tie off and complete the head with thread wraps, using your choice of head cement to complete the fly.

