

Fly of the Month Tied by Smitty



This is my adaptation of Jim Grace's Mangrove Snook Fly from Lefty Kreh's book Saltwater Fly Patterns.

Hook: Mustad 3407 sizes #2 - 1/0

Tail: White bucktail about 2" long (tapered)
inches long

Cheeks & Belly: White Fish Hair (tapered)

Topping: 6 strands of Peacock Herl

Eyes: 5/32" flat or 3D molded silver holographic eyes

Weedguard: (Optional) #1 trolling wire or 20# mono

Thread: White Flatwaxed Nylon

Wing: 4 to 6 white neck or wide saddle hackle feathers 2 1/2 to 3

Flash: 4 strands of Krystalflash and 3 strands of micro Flashabou

Head: White Flatwaxed Nylon (built up)

Step 1: Base wrap hook shank. *NOTE If using a weed guard, tie in as you do this step.

Step 2: Measure and tie in bucktail at hook point.

Step 3: Tie in 2 or 3 hackles on each side, tented** over bucktail. (Flatten stems to help feathers stay positioned correctly).

** Tenting the wing is tying the hackle feathers in at 11 o'clock and 1 o'clock positions on the hook shank. When looked at from either end of the fly, the feathers should assume this shape "A" over the bucktail.

Step 4: Tie in Krystalflash at its mid-point and extend back on either side of fly... Repeat with Flashabou.

Step 5: Tie in small bunch of Fish Hair (tapered) on both lower sides of hook as cheeks and belly.

Step 6: Tie in Peacock Herl topping (same length as wing).

Step 7: Build up thread head and apply eyes.

Step 8: Coat head with Softex (or epoxy). Let dry then recoat head with Sally Hansen's Hard As Nails.