Osprey Fly Box

Sandy's Dazzle Shrimp

contributed by

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I concocted this fly for my second trip to Xcalak with Rudy and Henry. When I took a look at the flies that I had left from my first trip, I noticed that they were mostly olive and pink. In fact, I didn't recall catching anything on the olive flies. However, almost of the tan flies were gone.

As it turned out, the key to this pattern appears to be the dubbing blend which I had created. At the time, I thought the blend was a bit too flashy, so I only tied up three. **What a mistake!**

It was probably the third or fourth day before I tied it on. I was fishing with Bruce that day. Our guide took us through a hole in the mangroves - into a series of small bays and channels. This is where we'd find the big bones. He was right about that - certainly the biggest bonefish Bruce and I caught on the trip.



I was up and we spotted a single, large bonefish cruising by himself in the shallows. Miraculously, I laid out a perfect cast and didn't spook the fish. The first cast with my new fly as I recall. It was pretty exhilarating to see the fish turn, follow the fly and then take it. **Sight fishing is exciting!**

A number of fish were taken on the three Dazzle Shrimp I had tied. I fianlly made the mistake of casting to a small barracuda. He promptly took the fly and that was it! I was out of flies.

Materials



Hook:	TMC 811S or Togen Stainless Steel Size #4 - #6
Thread:	UTC 70 Denier - Tan or Rusty Orange
Weight:	Bead Chain - Medium Gold
Mouth:	Rabbit Fur - Shrimp Pink
Eyes:	Crab Eyes - Black
Antennae:	Kristal Flash - Bonefish Tan
Legs:	Loco Legs - Tan Turtle Grass
Body:	Tan Shrimp Blend *(3 parts Polar Dub - Tan, 1 part UV Diamond Brite - Rootbeer)*
Carapace:	Polar Dub - Tan

Tying Instructions



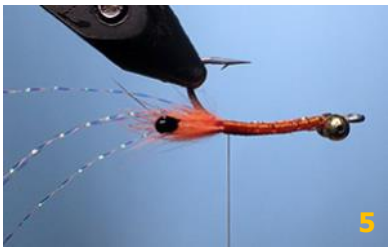
- Tie in the bead chain behind the eye of the hook with several figure eight wraps. Add a drop of "Zap a Gap" to secure. Set aside to dry.
- If multiple flies are being tied, do this stage on all hooks before proceeding to next step.
- The bead chain is intended as weight and will cause the fly to ride hook up. If additional weight is desired *(currents or depth of water)*, substitute small dumbbell eyes.
- Tie in a tuft of rabbit fur *(shrimp pink)* so that it extends just beyond the bend of the hook.



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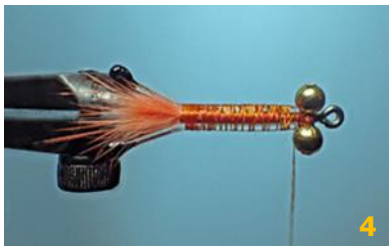


The Finished Fly



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- Measure a set of "crab eyes" to length. They should extend from behind bead chain to the just beyond the bend of the hook.
- Tie on one at a time. Lash along the side of the hook shank.
- After eyes have been tied on, bend them out from the hook *(as shown in photo 4).*
- Rotate vice so that materials will be tied on the bottom of the hook.
- Move thread back to just behind the bead chain. Take two strands of tan krystal flash and fold around the thread. After securing with a few thread wraps, ensure two strands are on each side of hook. Pull back over rabbit fur and wrap thead back to bend of hook.
- Tie in rubber legs - two on each side of the hook. I find it easier to do one side - then the other. Fold a rubber leg around the thread. Secure with a few thread wraps and then stretch the legs along the side of the body and wrap back to bend of hook. Repeat on the other side.
- With thread at the bend of the hook, create a dubbing loop. Insert the "dubbing blend" into the loop and spin, forming a "dubbing noodle".
- Wrap the dubbing noodle forward to the eye of the hook. Tie off and clip the excess.
- Lightly brush out the dubbing, and sweep back towards the rear of the hook.
- Clip the dubbing tightly along the bottom of the fly.
- Move thread to the front of the bead chain. Pinch the package and pull some long strands on Tan Polar Dubbing from the package.
- Fold the dubbing around the thread. Do a couple wraps around shank in front of eye to secure. Sweep back and do some figure eights around the bead chain.
- Trim the polar dubbing on angle so that extends just beyond the bend of the hook.
- Whipfinish in front of the bead chain and add a drop or two of head cement.









Tight Lines & Good Luck!