

OSPREY FLY BOX

Shimmer Minnow

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I often find myself looking through the local fly shops admiring the new materials and wondering what I could use the materials for. Such is the case when I came across the Ice Dub Shimmer Fringe. I knew that I needed to find some use for this material.

As I have never mastered the various minnow patterns using corded braid, this material seemed to fit the bill. A little bit of experimentation and the Shimmer Minnow was born. This pattern is both simple in it's tie and provides a variety of options in how the pattern can be tied. I use wool or yarn to emulate the gills of a small Fry / Parr or a UV orange bead to emulate the egg sac of an Alevin.

The fly can be used for a variety of predatory fish. Although I have tied this with cutthroat in mind, and have had reasonable success in landing fish on this pattern.



MATERIALS



List of Materials:

- Hook: Mustad O'Shaughnessy, 3407DT, Size 8
- Thread: 8/0 or 70 Denier, White
- Body: Lagartun Mini Flat Braid, Pearl
- Egg Sac/Gills: Red Wool/Yarn
- Body 1: Ice Dub Shimmer Fringe, Minnow Mix Pearl
- Body 2: Ice Dub Shimmer Fringe, Minnow Back Pearl Peacock, Black
- Head: Fish Skull Fish Mask No. 3
- Eyes: Fish Skull Living Eyes, 3mm

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

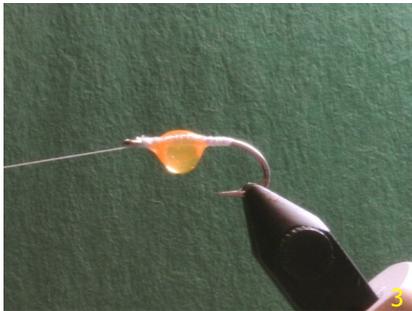


- 1 Start your thread an eye length behind the hook eye. Build a sparse thread base to the bend of the hook and return to starting point. Tie in flat braid, secure the braid to the bend of the hook. Return thread to 2/3 point on the hook. Wrap braid to the thread and secure.
- 2 Take a small piece of wool, fold over, and secure to the hook shank. Trim to desired length.



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3 An option to the red wool gills is an orange bead covered with UV resin to form an egg sack. The process to do this is as follows. Tie a small piece of mono in at the hook eye on the under side of the hook. Place the small bead on the mono, then tie down the open end of mono. Whip finish, cut the thread, then start to build up small layers of UV resin to form the egg sack.



4 Take a 1/4" wide piece of the minnow mix pearl shimmer fringe, secure to the hook just above the tie in point for the wool.



5 Take a 1/4" wide piece of minnow back pearl, peacock, black shimmer fringe, place on top of the previous body material, and secure. Build up a small base and whip finish.



6 Slide the fish mask over the hook eye. Attach your thread, build a small thread dam, and whip finish. Attach the eyes to the fish mask, secure with UV, bondic, or super glue. Trim body to desired length.



7 The finished fly with the UV orange egg sack.

Tight Lines & Good Luck!