

Flashy Charlie

This is a really good fly quite at home in any puddle – be it saltwater or fresh. It's basically a caricature of something living. The secret is the fur over the wing as this gives the fly action even when it's not moving.

It can be tied in many colours – white and red (pictured), black/purple, black/red, olive/green. Basically the same colours in the salt as well as the fresh water. It is effective in any part of the water column.



Tie a bunch of these no matter where you're going to fish. Keep them hidden away as your mate will steal some when he sees how many fish you're catching with them.

Materials:

Hook – Mustad C47S D #1/0, #2, #4

Thread – GSP Thread

Body – Estaz

Wing – Bucktail, Zonker and Krystal Flash

Eyes – Bead Chain

Tying Instructions:

Step 1

Lay a bed of thread on the shank of the hook from behind the eye of the hook to a point just around the bend and back to a point $1\frac{1}{2}$ hook eyes behind the eye of the hook.



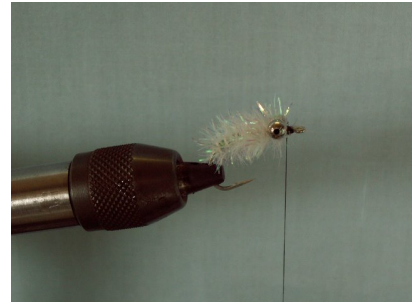
Step 2

Secure Bead Chain Eyes about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hook eyes back from the hook eye. Do this with a series of figure of eights – under the hook shank and diagonally over the eyes, then unders & overs to tighten the figure eights – under the eyes and diagonally over the eyes. Approximately 10 of each staggered.



Step 3

Tie in a short length of Estaz Chenille behind the eyes and tie back around the hook bend. Move thread forward and stop in front of the eyes. Wind the Estaz up to behind the eyes and tie off in front with 4 wraps only.



Step 4

Cut a small bunch of brown hair off the back of a White Bucktail. Hand stack or use a stacking tube to neaten the tips. Measure the small bunch so it can be tied in between the eye of the hook and the bead chain and extend no further behind the hook that the gap of the hook. This measurement is very important to stop tail wrapping.



Step 5

Cut three strands of Krystal Flash and double around the thread and tie in over the wing. Next cut a small clump of Zonker or fine fur and tie in over the Krystal Flash & Bucktail. This fur will only hang back as far as the bend. Tie off and the fly is finished ready for gluing.

