

Flashy Profile Tube Fly

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I believe the flashy profile style of tying was first developed by Bill and Kate Howe with a lot of input from our own Dean Butler.

The fly was developed around the idea of an underbody of pearl and silver flash, with a colour over the top and bottom. This was to simulate a scale shed from a bait fish that has just been clobbered by a predator that is aimlessly fluttering around in the water column.

It is a very easy fly to tie, and can be tied in any length from 3 inches to 3 feet. The flashy profile is tied out of materials that will shed water very quickly making it a relatively easy fly to cast, if you can call a big fly easy to cast!

Materials

Tube – raiser from a sprinkler system purchased from a hardware store

Hook holder – soft plastic tube to fit

Thread – Flat waxed nylon

Lateral line – heaps of pearl & silver Flashabou

Belly – white Streamerhair

Back – blue & green Streamerhair, blue Flashabou

Sideflash – pearl Flashabou

Eye – large WTP stick on

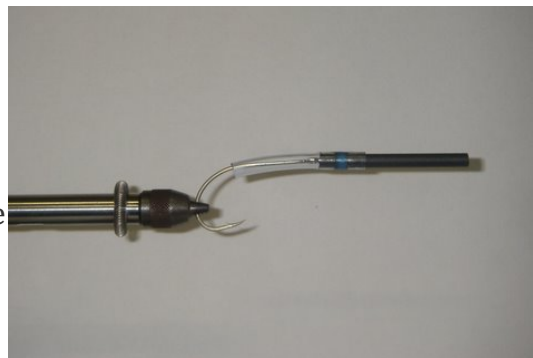
Head finish – Epoxy or SoftDip

Step 1

Cut the garden raiser to the length you want. Cut the soft plastic tube to the length of the hook shank.

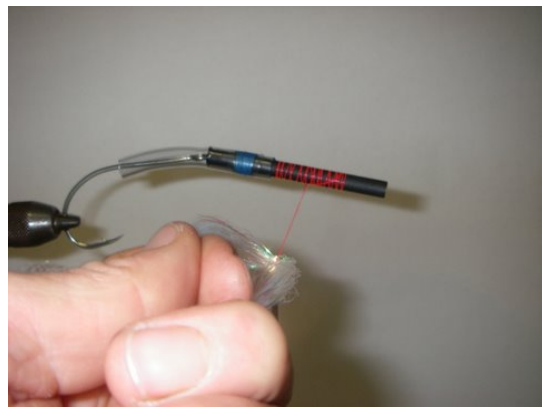
Insert the cut piece of garden raiser (hard tube) into the soft plastic tube and whip with flat waxed nylon. I do this by holding it my hand.

The best way I have found to tie this fly on the tube is to insert in your vice the size hook the fly is made for and then slide the soft plastic tube over the shank of the hook (see picture).



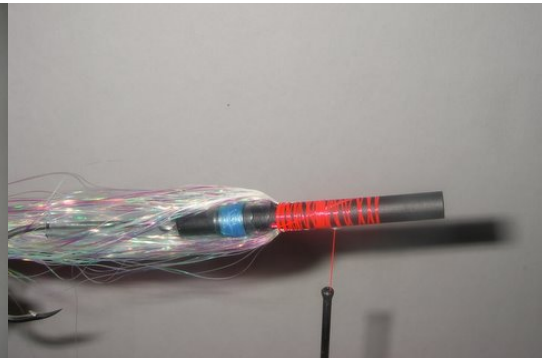
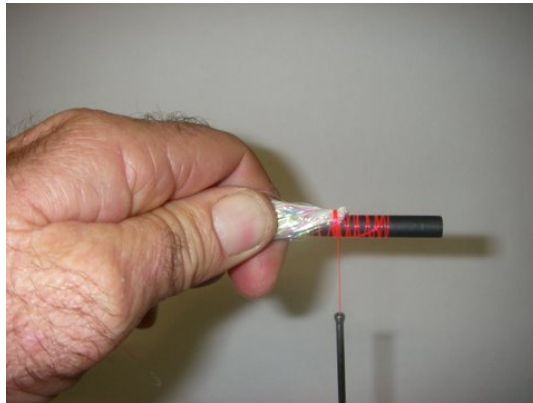
Step 2

Lay a bed of flat waxed nylon on the hard tube in front of the soft tube. Take a generous hank of pearl Flashabou double it around the thread and tie down to the hard tube. The length of the Flashabou should be the longest part of the fly.



Step 3

With your fingers, spread the Flashabou around half of the hard tube as you tie it in place.



Step 4

To the top part of the hard tube, repeat the last two steps only this time with a generous hank of silver Flashabou. This is the same length as the pearl and you should end up with your tube completely surrounded by Flashabou.



Step 5

Now we will make the belly of the fly by taking a hank of white Streamerhair and tying it down over the pearl Flashabou and then folding it back and tying it into place. The length of the belly is $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the lateral line.



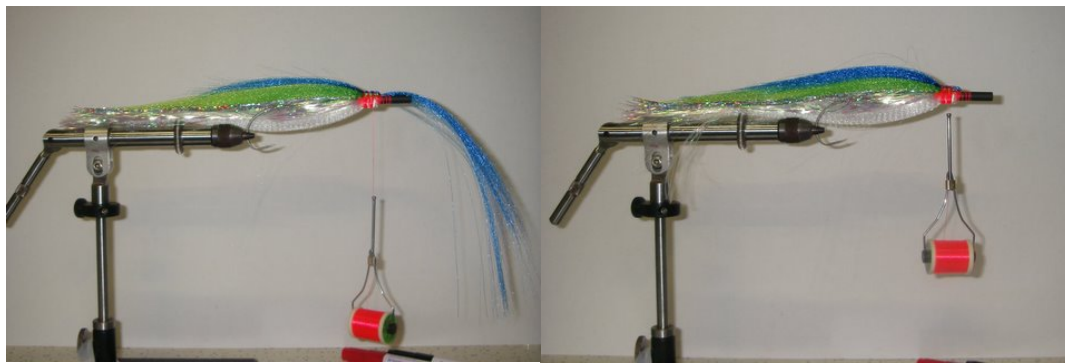
Step 6

Repeat Step 5, this time with green Streamerhair. This is about the same length as the belly.



Step 7

Repeat again, this time using blue Streamerhair. This is slightly shorter than the green Streamerhair.



Step 8

Repeat again, now using blue Flashabou. This is the same length as the blue Streamerhair.



Step 9

Sideflash – once again, take a generous amount of pearl Flashabou double over the thread and tie down to each side of the fly. This should be half the length of the finished fly.



Step 10

Whip finish the fly and remove it from the hook. Take a comb and blend all the colours together and you will see by staggering the lengths of the hair you have created a lovely minnow shape. Lay your fly on some old paper. Using an artline marker pen and some artistic flair you can make your fly come to life! Add some back stripes and colour on the belly.



Step 11

Stick on a large eye and epoxy or SoftDip the head to create a durable finish.

All that is needed now is to make a school of them!

