

# Fly of the Month: Jojo's Hollow fly

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Bob Popovics originated this fly. It is a tying technique rather than a particular pattern. He created it to make a bulky looking fly without putting too much material. You can use the same technique and use synthetics. Synthetics just don't flare as much. You can use the same trick to make good squid patterns.



## Materials:

**Hook:** Big Game MS 100 size 3/0

**Thread:** Mono



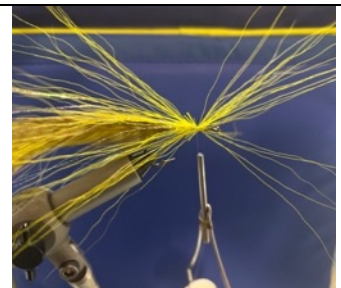


**Eyes:** 1/4" Gold Tabbed Eyes from FTD coated with E6000 glue

**Tail:** Grizzly Saddle Hackle over bucktail with regular Krystal Flash

**Body:** Bucktail with Fire Flash (Pearl and Chartreuse)

## Steps:

1	A fly-tying vise holding a hook with a mono thread tied to the bend. A bundle of yellow bucktail is being secured to the top part of the hook.	Tie your mono thread to the bend of the hook, put a drop of super-glue. Take about 20 strands of bucktail, color of your choice, and secure to the top part of the hook. This serves as the stiffener for the saddle hackles.
2	A pair of saddle hackles is being tied to the near side of the hook, followed by regular Krystal flash.	On top of the bucktail, tie in a pair of saddle hackles (staggered) on the near side then do the same for the far side. Add 4 strands of regular Krystal flash here, half on the near side and half on the far side. Wrap thread forward and super-glue.
3	Regular Krystal flash is being added to the far side of the hook.	Add 4 strands of regular Krystal flash here, half on the near side and half on the far side. Wrap thread forward and super-glue.
4	About 20 strands of bucktail are being tied to the hook with two loose wraps, then five tight turns are made.	Tie in about 20 strands of bucktail with tips pointing toward the hook eye with two loose wraps. Use your thumb to spread the material evenly around the hook. Then do about five tight turns immediately on top of the loose wraps.

5		<p>Your bucktail is going to flare up. Stroke the long fibers backward and move your thread forward.</p>
6		<p>Build a dam of thread here. This is what locks the fibers in. Don't wrap over the bucktail as this would flare it back down.</p>
7		<p>Add your Fire Flash here( I used 3 pcs (halved) of Pearl in this example). Advance your thread forward about 6 to 8 turns. Superglue the wraps.</p>
8		<p>Repeat step 4--7 but add your Chartreuse Fire Flash advancing the thread with 5 turns.</p>
9		<p>Repeat step 8 but without any flash. After advancing the thread, use a bucktail with different color for the head ( I used red, Bob Popovics likes to use the brown part of his bucktail).</p>
10		<p>Tie in the tabbed eyes then whip finish. Take the fly off the vise and coat the eyes with E6000 using your bodkin.</p>