

Fly of the Month: The Flash Belly Clouser

By Bob Korose

This fly was developed together by Bob Clouser and Bob Popovics. Bob Clouser demonstrated tying it at the Atlanta Flyfishing Show this February. It is an excellent fly for many fresh and saltwater species and should be terrific for the Spanish mackerel, bluefish, ladyfish, and many others in our local waters too. It is an easy fly to tie and can be tied with many wing and flash materials and in many different color combinations.



Ingredients:

Hooks: Mustad 34007 (S71SNP-DT) sizes 1, 2 or 4

Thread: 210 denier Flat waxed nylon Fl. Fire

Orange

Eyes: Dumbbell (size medium) in yellow, red, silver, white

Body: Pearl Chenille or Petite Estaz or FTD Arctic Ice Clear (orange, pearl and many other colors)

Flash: Krystal Flash or FTD Twist (pearl, copper, rainbow)

Wing: Clouser used bucktail. Yak hair and synthetics like SF Blends, Super Hair, FTD Crystal Web, FTD Congo Plus, and many others work well too.

Steps:

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| | | |
| <p>1. Start the thread an eye width behind the hook eye and wrap back to mid hook. Tie in the dumbbell eyes two eye widths behind the hook eye then bring the thread to behind the eye.</p> | <p>2. Tie in the chenille and wind the thread over it to the bend of the hook. Return the thread to behind the eyes.</p> | <p>3. Palmer the chenille forward and tie off behind the eyes then bring the thread in front of the eyes. Turn the hook over in the vice</p> |
| | | |
| <p>4. Tie in a small clump (2 ¼ times the hook length) of the lighter color hair in front of the eyes.</p> | <p>5. Tie in 5 strands of flash wrapped around the thread. They should be ½ inch longer than the hair</p> | <p>6. Take a small clump of the darker hair (same size as the light) and tie it on top of the rest.</p> |
| | | |
| <p>7. Form a nice head then whip finish. Use UV or head cement to complete the fly.</p> | | |