

Fly of the Month: The Golden Retriever Variant

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The Golden Retriever is a very effective fly that was developed in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley over 25 years ago for small mouth bass and trout. Our club's Jim White developed a saltwater variant that is tied on saltwater hooks (sizes 6-4-2) with dumbbell eyes. When wet, it looks like some of the shrimp found on the grass flats and has caught many species here in Pensacola Bay.



Here is a video of the fly being tied on Youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJpH754A3aQ>

Materials:

Hook: Mustad 34007 or

Gamakatsu S10 Sizes 2, 4, 6

Thread: 210 Denier color Hot Red (FI fire orange)

Eyes: Gold plated brass dumbbell

Tail: Marabou color ginger

Body: Estaz or Pearl Chenille size medium/ color pearl

<p>1. Debarb the hook and put it into the vice. Start the thread behind the eye and wrap rearward to ¼ hook length. Tie on the eyes.</p>	<p>2. Wrap the thread in touching wraps rearward to the hook bend. Measure 1 ½ hook lengths of the marabou for the tail and tie in on top at the bend. Wrap the thread forward to the eyes and then wrap back to the bend.</p>	<p>3. Tie on the chenille where you tied on the tail. Wrap the thread forward to behind the eyes.</p>
<p>4. Make one turn of the chenille over the tie in point then wrap it forward in an open spiral wrap all the way to the eyes and tie off.</p>	<p>5. Wrap the thread behind the eyes twice then figure 8 through the eyes and wrap a nice head. Whip finish.</p>	<p>6. Put on head cement or UV resin and your fly is ready for action.</p>