

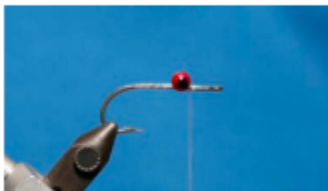
## Captain Baz's Favorite Redfish Fly... Russ Shields

### MATERIALS

<b>HOOK</b>	Mustad 34007, size 2
<b>THREAD</b>	White 3/0 or 210 denier flat waxed nylon
<b>EYES</b>	Nickel plated brass hourglass, 3/16", painted red with black pupil
<b>BELLY</b>	White bucktail
<b>WING</b>	Copper flashabou and tan bucktail



### TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Place hook in vise. Lay thread base from eye of hook to barb. Return thread to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " behind eye. Attach eyes there with series of figure 8 wraps followed by 6-8 horizontal wraps (under brass eyes but over shank). These turns will lock eyes in place. Return thread in front of eyes.



2. Cut a swatch of white bucktail about a kitchen match thick or a little more. Stack the bucktail so the fine ends are near the same length. Cut the blunt ends square to form a belly about  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " long (shorter for smaller hook, longer for larger hook). Place bucktail atop hook with blunt ends aligned just behind hook eye. Take 3 "soft wraps" around bucktail and then apply firmer thread pressure by pulling bobbin up from bottom. This upward pressure will keep the bucktail from spreading around shank. Cover the bucktail with a series of wraps between eyes and eye of hook. Also cover the bucktail behind the eyes with a series of wraps all the way back to just above hook barb. Return thread to just behind eye of hook with several wide wraps. Trim loose ends of bucktail around the hook eye.



3. Turn hook over in vise with hook point up. Cut 3-4 full length strands of flashabou. Double flashabou around tying thread and tie in the strands (now 6-8) with a few thread wraps while holding strands so that half are on each side of hook. Don't pull hard on flashabou or it will curl. Cut and prepare a swatch of tan bucktail the same as the white. Tie in the same way between eyes and eye of hook. NOTE: Do not tie the tan bucktail behind the brass eyes. Wrap a neat, tapered thread head and coat with head cement or epoxy.

Notes: Many of the fly-caught redfish you see in Captain Baz's Fishing Reports are caught using this Clouser Minnow. The copper flash is a must as are the red/black eyes. I paint my own with red and black nail polish and a simple foam jig. Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle carries a product called "Fire Fly" that also works well in place of the flashabou.