

Fly of the Month: The Lightbulb

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Capt. Tom Shadley of Mangrove Outfitters in Naples, Florida, created this fly with bright, glow-in-the-dark materials after snook and tarpon refused his standard patterns during night fishing sessions. This fly really works. It turns out that just about everything eats the Lightbulb both night and day including speckled trout and redfish. It is an easy fly to tie. It can be tied in various hook sizes and with different weighted eyes depending on the size of the fish and the water depth to fish. We will tie it here with a large silver bead chain eye or an X-small white dumbbell eye. Try it in our region for Spanish mackerel, bluefish, ladyfish, specks, and redfish. Give it a try under dock and bridge lights at night too. See a video of the fly [here](#).



Materials:

Hooks: Mustad C70SD or C47SD Size 1
Eyes: Large silver bead chain or X-small painted white dumbbell
Thread: White flat waxed nylon.
Tail: Polarflash Mirage Opal (FTD Big Game Hair Tinsel-Bright White)

Fin/Body:

Head: Palmer Chenille Medium Pearl Medium Pearl Chenille or Pearl Estaz.
Flash Glow pink and glow white Flashabou (FTD pearl Shadow flash)

1. Place the hook in the vice and start a thread base. Tie on the glow white Flashabou.	2. Turn the hook over and tie on the gills of glow pink Flashabou.	3. Turn the hook back over and tie on the eyes. Leave room in front for the fly head.
4. Tie on the Polarflash in two clumps. Side by side on the top and sides of the hook. This keeps the tail from fouling on the hook.	5. Tie on the pearl Palmer chenille and wrap forward with 3-4 turns while stroking the fibers to the rear.	6. Tie on the Estaz or Pearl chenille and move the thread to forward of the eyes. Palmer the chenille forward and through the eyes and tie off.
		7. Make a nice head and finish with head cement or UV.