

Fly of the Month: Glass Minnow by Bob Korose

I was taught this fly by Carl Hansen of St Petersburg, Fl. in 1991. He created the glass minnow fly by snelling mono on the hook to create the body and then using bucktail for the wings. By the time he taught me the fly he had added bead chain eyes and was using "poly duster" fibers instead of bucktail and he also added krystal flash. He used size 2-8 Mustad 3407 hooks to match the size of the bait fish. I later tied some on 34011 size 2 hooks to give it a longer profile and I bent it back so it would fish with the hook point up to make it semi-weedless over grass flats. Since I started using the glass minnow flies, I have caught over 40 different species of saltwater fish on them, from pinfish to tarpon. Depending on its size, color, and how it is retrieved, this fly can imitate small baitfish (glass minnows) or shrimp or just be an attractor fly.



Materials:

Hooks: S74SAP-TX (34011) size 2 or S71SAP-TX (3407) sizes 2, 4, 6 or 8

Eyes: Hour-glass or bead chain eyes or no eyes

Body: Aluminum foil, covered by 20# mono

Threads: Clear 6/0 Mono thread for tying on the body material. Flat waxed nylon: Fluorescent Fire Orange or Red for the head, eyes and wing.

Flash: Krystal flash

Wing: Poly duster fibers or FTD Water silk or any other synthetic fibers in any color combination, as desired.

Tying Instructions:



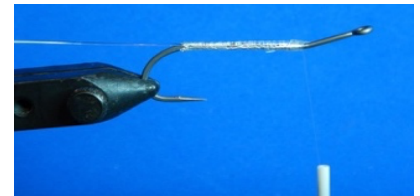
1. Bend back the hook then debarb and place it in the vice with the hook point down.

2. Wrap the hook with aluminum foil (shiny side out) from the bend to above the hook barb.

3. Start the mono thread at the bend. Tie on the 20# mono and wind the thread over it back to above the barb and tie down. Return the thread to the bend.



Wind the 20# mono forward to the bend with touching wraps. Tie it off and double whip finish at the bend. Cut off the excess mono and the thread.



4. Start the red thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to the bend. Tie on the eyes in the bend with figure 8 wraps. (Super glue, if desired). Take the hook out of the vice and turn it upside down with the hook point up in the vice.



5. Take a sparse amount of lighter colored fibers and tie them in first. Then tie on a few strands of Krystal flash.



6. Finally, tie on a sparse amount of the darker colored fibers. Form a nice head and whip finish. Cover the head with clear nail polish, head cement or UV (as desired).

