

Fly of the Month: The Flash Fly Variant

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The flash fly has proven to be a very effective and popular fly that is easy to tie and catches many kinds of fish. The variant version is tied differently from the original. It has a collar which improves the shape and action of the fly. It is also tied on a long shank hook to make it more durable and limit the bite offs from the Spanish mackerel, bluefish, and others. It can be tied in many sizes and color combinations depending on the species and water conditions but the one tied in pearl with a red collar is my favorite for the Spanish mackerel in the Pensacola area waters.



Ingredients:

Hooks: Mustad S74SNP (Formerly Mustad 34011) Size 1 or 2

Eyes: Dumbbell eyes size medium

Thread: Flat waxed nylon (as desired). Use Hot red (FI Fire Orange) for head.

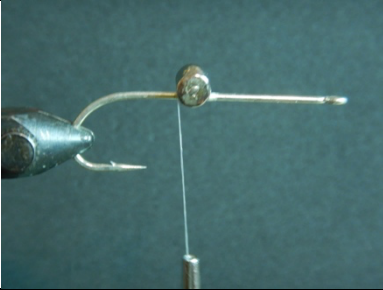
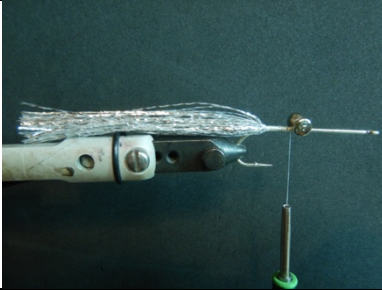
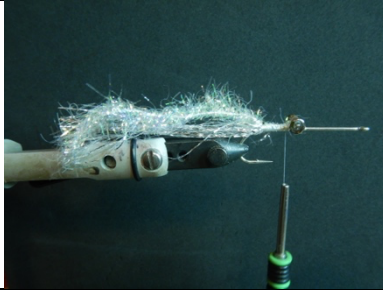

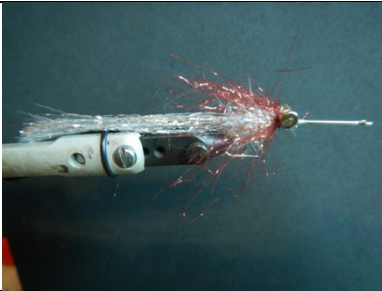

Tail: Flash material of your choice (I like FT Dungeon's Pearl Web, Northern

Lights or Shadow Flash in various colors) You could use Flashabou too.

Body: Flash type chenille medium or large (Estaz, pearl chenille, cactus chenille)

Collar: MFC Sparkler Minnow Brush, color red.

Steps:

		
1. Start the thread at the middle of the hook and wrap back $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and tie in the eyes with figure-8 wraps.	2. Take some tail material about two times the length of the hook and tie it in behind the eyes then wrap over it to the bend of the hook then return the thread to behind the eyes.	3. Take a length of flash chenille and tie it on top of the tail material and to the bend of the hook. Take the thread forward to slightly behind the eyes.
		
4. Wrap the chenille around the hook in touching wraps forward to the thread and tie off.	5. Tie in the red collar brush. Wrap three turns while stroking the fibers to the rear. Tie off the brush then bring the thread in front of the eyes.	6. Form a nice head and whip finish. Apply head cement, UV or epoxy and your Flash fly is ready for action