

YakAttack Clouser.... From Bob Clouser' Original

HOOK	Mustad 34007, size 2
THREAD	Red 3/0 or flat-waxed nylon
EYES	3/16" brass "Real Eyes" with tape decal inserts
FLASH	Gold flashabou and peacock crystal flash
BELLY	Natural white yak hair
BACK	Ocean green yak hair



1. Secure hook in vise and lay thread base from eye to bend. Tie in eyes with a dozen figure 8 wraps about 1/3 hook length back from hook eye. Take a dozen horizontal wraps around and below the eyes but above the shank. Add a drop of head cement to lock the eyes in place. Tie in 6-8 strands each of crystal flash and flashabou behind the eyes and cover with thread to the bend. Return thread to just behind hook eye.



2. Cut a 3" length of white yak hair about a kitchen match thick for the fly's belly (remember, the fly flips in the water to ride hook point up). Tie in behind the hook eye, wrap thread over yak hair back to the brass eyes, wrap thread under the shank to just behind the brass eyes and make a dozen or so wraps behind the eyes. Return thread under shank to just forward of brass eyes.



3. Turn fly upside down in vise. Cut 3" length of green yak hair a kitchen match thick for the fly's back. Tie in behind the hook eye and wrap thread over hair back to the brass eyes. Wrap a neat "nose" making sure the yak hair is completely covered. Turn the fly belly-side-up in vise and whip finish. Remove fly from vise and insert tape decal eyes. Coat eyes and thread wraps with 5 minute epoxy and turn fly by hand or machine until epoxy hardens (about 5 minutes). Hang fly to cure for at least 8 hours.

NOTES: The first morning I tried the YakAttack, I caught a 28" Spanish mackerel (my largest ever), 4 other Spanish, a 27" speckled trout (my second largest ever) plus half a dozen other specks, all but one keeper size. The fly looks unruly in the vise but is lovely in the water taking on the look of a translucent, tapered minnow. The flash tends to stay inside the hair which adds to the translucent look. The yak hair compresses under thread pressure much better than bucktail and is generally easier to tie with. Though not as durable as super hair, it seems to hold up better than bucktail. It is less buoyant than bucktail but more so than super hair. Yak hair comes in many colors and is comparable in price to bucktail. Give it a try. As for me, I may have a lot of bucktail to donate to next year's auction....Jerry Aldridge

