

The Utility Minnow... Original recipe by Captain Lenny Moffo

HOOK Salt water, size to suit prey

THREAD Chartreuse 3/0 except for head.

TAIL Chartreuse bucktail over gold flashabou over white bucktail..

LATERAL LINE Brown grizzly neck hackle.

WING 4 strands peacock herl over chartreuse bucktail over white bucktail.

BELLY White bucktail.

HEAD & EYES Orange flat-waxed thread with decal eyes coated with 5 minute epoxy.



1. Lay thread base from one hook eye behind the eye to the bend. Select and cut a 1/2 matchstick of white bucktail about two hooks long. Tie in to form a tail about a hook long. Trim bucktail in taper as shown. Tie in 6 strands of gold flashabou atop the bucktail. Select, cut and tie in a 1/2 matchstick of chartreuse bucktail to finish the tail.



2. Turn fly over in vise. Select a matchstick portion of white bucktail. Tie in 2 eye lengths behind eye to form belly. Note that the belly is a bit shorter than the tail - this will give the fly a more tapered appearance. Turn fly right side up.



3. Select a pair of grizzly hackles long enough to extend from eye to end of tail. Trim hackles to length and tie one on each side to form lateral line. Hackles should be shiny or dark side out. Select 1/2 matchstick of white bucktail and tie in to form first layer of wing. Tie in 6 strands of gold flashabou atop bucktail and trim it slightly longer than the bucktail. Secure tying thread with a short whip finish and cut thread.



4. Attach orange thread with jam knot. Select and cut 1/2 matchstick chartreuse bucktail to form next layer of wing. Select 4 full-bodied peacock herls and tie in atop bucktail to finish wing. Trim ends and form neat head with thread. Coat lightly with head cement. After cement dries, attach a silver/black decal or tape eye and coat head and eyes with 5 minute epoxy. Turn the fly by hand, rotary vise or electric fly turner until epoxy sets.