

## David Lambert's Oyster Mullet

<b>Hook</b>	<b>Mustad 34007, size 1 - 4 (also on a 1/0 to 3/0 circle hook)</b>	
<b>Thread</b>	<b>White 3/0, red 3/0 for the nose</b>	
<b>Tail</b>	<b>White bucktail, pearl flashabou, grizzly and white hackles, splayed</b>	
<b>Weight</b>	<b>.030 lead wire</b>	
<b>Underbody</b>	<b>White yarn</b>	
<b>Body</b>	<b>Grizzly and white "Orvis Magnum Zonker" strips, regular super glue</b>	
<b>Flash</b>	<b>Holographic tinsel</b>	
<b>Eyes</b>	<b>6mm or 7.5mm Animal eyes, "gel" super glue</b>	



1. Secure hook in vise; attach thread and wind to the bend. Wrap 8-10 turns of lead from mid-shank to about 3/16" back from the hook eye. Cover lead with thread wraps and wind thread to the bend. Attach a matchstick sized clump of bucktail at the bend, 1 1/2 to 2 shank lengths. Add 8-10 strands of pearl flashabou on top and same length as the bucktail.

2. Attach 4 grizzly saddle hackles (2 on each side splayed apart) on top the bucktail. Attach 4 white saddle hackles (2 on each side of the grizzly, also splayed out). Attach yarn at bend. For a fatter profile use the whole diameter yarn, for a thinner profile, separate strands and use a single strand. Run thread to about 3/16" back from eye. Wrap yarn underbody and secure at front.



3. Cut a grizzly and a white "magnum zonker strip" (standard zonker strips are too narrow) to the same length as the hook shank. Be careful to cut only the "leather" and not the fur. You can also cut your own zonker from a rabbit skin. Turn skin fur side down, and cut with a razor blade. Be careful to cut in the same direction as the "grain" of the fur. Strips need to be about 5/16" wide for single strand body, to 3/8" wide for a fatter body. Cut an angle on the "front" (the fur should be flowing to the rear) to make a tie in tab. Position the grizzly strip on top so the leather tab ends just behind the hook eye. Wrap securely over the tab. Attach the white strip on the bottom. Whip and cut thread.



4. Add a drop of super glue to top of yarn underbody and to leather underside of grizzly strip. Carefully depress grizzly strip onto body and hold until secure. Repeat for the white strip. Attach red thread at eye and run 2 strands of holographic tinsel down each side of the body (down the lateral line formed by the 2-zonker strips junction). Wind a cone shaped red "nose".

5. Cut posts from a pair of animal eyes. Use a drop of gel super glue and attach eye slightly behind "red nose". Ensure it traps the tinsel and secures it in place down the lateral line. Repeat for opposite side.

