

Bent - Back Bucktail....Pete Cooper, Jr

The Bent - Back Bucktail (BBB) comes from an article by Pete Cooper, Jr. in *Fly Tye* magazine, way back in autumn 1999. I tied and tried some at the time and they worked just fine but somehow I forgot about the BBB until recently. I was looking through back issues of *Fly Tye* trying to find a pattern that made noise or pushed lots of water so that speckled trout and redfish could find it when visibility was low. I have always had good luck with smoke and black or chartreuse and white clousers under low visibility conditions in the past but wondered if there might be something better and that is when I re-discovered Pete's fly. The BBB has the advantages of the Clouser Minnow but pushes much more water because of its bushy body and slight bend in the hook. The pattern that appeared in Pete's article used chartreuse thread and peacock herl. I substituted red thread and black bucktail in this recipe. All black or pearl body / black wing versions also work very well.

MATERIALS LIST

HOOK	Mustad 34007, size 2
THREAD	Red 3/0
EYES	3/16" Brass Hourglass
BODY	Ice chenille, chartreuse
WING	Chartreuse bucktail, chartreuse crystal flash, black bucktail



TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Bend down the hook barb. Bend hook shank up about 10-15 degrees $\frac{1}{4}$ " behind eye of hook (see photo). A simple way to bend the hook is to hold it securely with needle nose pliers at the $\frac{1}{4}$ " point and then apply upward pressure on rear of hook with fingers.



2. Secure hook in vise. Lay thread base from eye to bend of hook. Return thread to bent part of shank. Attach hourglass eyes there with series of figure eight thread wraps. Finish wrapping eyes with half a dozen horizontal wraps below eyes and above hook shank. Return thread to hook bend.



3. Cut 4" length of ice chenille. Remove "stuff" from $\frac{1}{4}$ " or so of one end. Tie naked end atop hook shank and secure with several thread wraps. Return thread to just behind hourglass eyes. Apply very light coat of head cement where chenille is tied in and forward on thread base to just behind hourglass eyes. Wrap chenille forward in firm adjacent turns while stroking chenille fibers backward so they won't be trapped by thread. Wrap chenille to behind hourglass eyes; secure there with 3-4 thread wraps and a couple half hitches. Trim excess chenille.

4. Turn hook over in vise (or rotate vise). Bring thread in front of eyes. Cut a swatch of chartreuse bucktail a matchstick thick and twice the hook length. Tie in behind hook eye covering bucktail with thread wraps back to hourglass eyes. Tie in 5-10 strands of crystal flash atop bucktail. Cut a swatch of black bucktail the same length but half as thick as the chartreuse. Tie in atop crystal flash. Trim excess bucktail, wrap neat head and finish with head cement. Be sure and coat exposed thread wraps around hourglass eyes too.



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