

## Trout Clouser... Jerry Aldridge

<b>HOOK</b>	Mustad 3366, size 8 or equivalent
<b>THREAD</b>	Uni 8/0, red and tan
<b>EYES</b>	Hourglass 1/8" nickel colored brass or lead
<b>BELLY</b>	4-6 strands rainbow crystal flash, 15-20 strands each yellow and tan unique hair
<b>BACK</b>	15-20 strands each light pink, olive and brown unique hair



1. Bend down barb, attach red thread, lay thread base from eye to bend and return thread to 1/4" behind hook eye. Attach eyes there with 10-12 figure 8 wraps followed by 10-12 horizontal wraps, under the eyes but over the hook shank. Coat eye wraps lightly with super glue.

2. Tie in the 4-6 strands (about 3" long) of crystal flash atop shank and behind eyes. Cover flash with wraps back to bend and return thread to just in front of eyes. Cut 15-20 strands (about 2-2 1/2" long) yellow unique hair and tie in behind hook eye back to hourglass eyes. Bring thread under the hook to just behind hourglass eyes and secure the yellow hair with 10-12 thread wraps. Repeat process with tan unique hair. Bring red thread forward to just behind hook eye and tie off there with half hitches or whip finish. Trim crystal flash about 1/4 to 1/2" longer than unique hair.



3. Turn hook over in vise so that hook point is up. Attach tan thread behind hook eye. Cut 15-20 strands light pink unique hair (same length as yellow and tan) and tie in from hook eye back to hour glass eyes. Repeat process with olive and then brown unique hair. Whip finish or half hitch and cut thread.

4. Apply head cement or epoxy to exposed thread wraps. When dry, comb out back and belly with hair comb. This causes the colors to blend rather than remaining separate.



**NOTES:** (1) The red thread is used to imitate gills. To simplify the fly, tie it entirely with tan thread and eliminate the yellow and light pink hair. (2) This fly is virtually transparent when tied properly. Tie sparsely! (3) Keep thread wraps to a minimum to reduce bulk. (4) Other color combinations could be used. I chose this combination to represent colors often found in minnows. (5) I chose unique hair because each filament is so fine. Super hair or bucktail could be used if very sparse portions are used.