

March Fly of the Month - Tom's Copper Clouser

This is a streamer pattern that Bill Grake, Earl James, and I used on Spanish Mackerel while fishing about 14 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico off Marathon Key in Florida. The pattern was so good that they were busting the surface to attack it.

Hook - Any Salt Water hook, size 8 to 2/0.

This sample was tied on an Eagle Claw #084F size #4

Eyes - Medium size Brass Bead Chain.

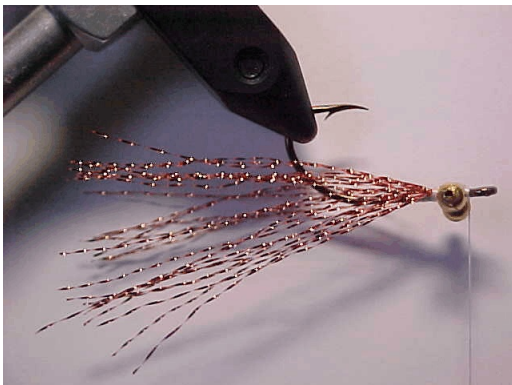
Thread - Gudebrod GX2.

Lower body - Krystal flash - Copper color.

Upper body - Flashabou - Copper color.



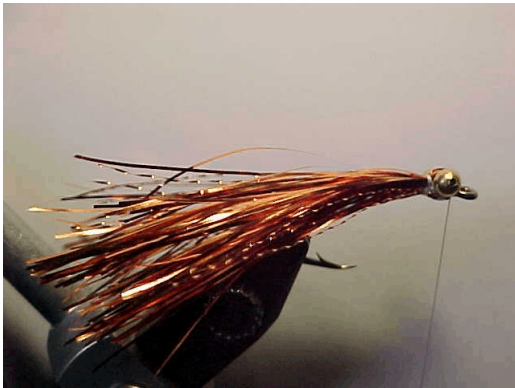
Step # 1 Tie in the bead chain eyes just behind the hook eye as a Clouser style. Add head cement to make it firm to the hook shank.



Step # 2 Tie in about 12 to 15 strands, at the mid point of the copper Krystal Flash, in front of the bead chain eyes. Fold them over and tie them in behind the bead chain eyes to allow the Krystal flash to lie down. Trim to about 2" length.



Step #3 Tie in about 20 to 30 strands at the mid point of the copper Flashabou in front of the bead chain eyes.



Step #4 Fold them over and tie them in behind the eyes to allow the Flashabou to lie down. Trim to about 2" length.



Step #5 Whip finish the head in front of the bead chain eyes and secure with head cement.

Fish it as any Clouser bait fish imitation. It works great in salt water. I will see how it works on Small-mouth this spring.

What do I call it? How about "Tom's Copper Clouser."