

## *Fly of the Month, December*

**Hook:** Salt water Mustad 3407 or similar style. Size 2 through 8.

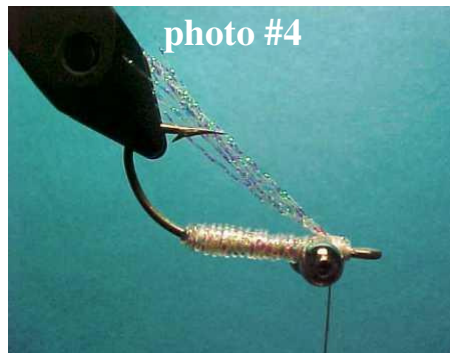
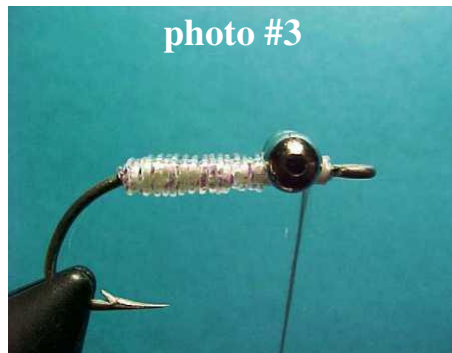
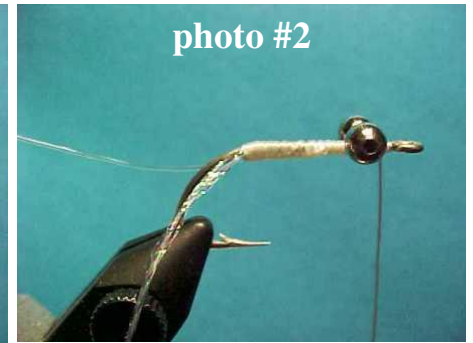
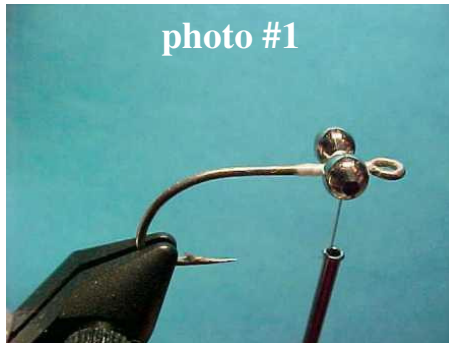
**Thread:** 3/0 for size 2 hook and 6/0 for size 4, 6, or 8 hooks. Color to match the wing.

**Body:** Pearl color Krystal flash, tinsel, or Flashabou covered with #20 clear mono or V-rib.

**Eyes:** Stainless bead chain or plated lead eyes. Large for size 2 hook and medium for size 4,6,or 8.

**Wing:** calf tail in white, pink, tan, brown, chartreuse or yellow.

### *Crazy Charlie*



**Photo # 1** Make a bed of tying thread approximately 1/4" back from the hook eye. Tie in the bead chain eyes above the hook shank, Clouser style, using figure 8 wraps.

**Photo # 2** Bring your tying thread back to the hook bend and tie in an 8 inch section of heavy mono and then tie in about 8 strands of Krystal flash. Bring your thread back to the hook eye.

**Photo # 3** Spiral wrap the 8 strands of Krystal flash around the hook shank, edge to edge, up to the hook eye and tie it off. Trim off the excess and save it for later. Over wrap the heavy mono, edge to edge, to the hook eye and trim off the excess.

**Photo # 4** Flip the hook over in your vise. Tie in the balance of the Krystal flash that you had trimmed off from step #3. Measure to the end of the hook bend and trim off to length.

**Photo # 5** Measure a pinch of calf tail hair to just past the hook bend. Clean out the under fur and tie in the calf tail in front of the bead chain eyes to form a head. Apply head cement and whip finish the head. This is the completed fly.

This fly is an effective pattern for flats fishing. It is the most popular fly for bonefish in any color but is highly effective in the Great Lakes for steelhead when tied in pink. It is a proven pattern for carp in warm water when tied in subtle colors. The weighted eyes are intended to flip the hook shank upward to keep from snagging the bottom. The bonefish will not always see the fly but will be attracted to a disturbance in the sandy bottom as you drag it in on a strip retrieval. An added benefit is that the hook shank riding upward will rarely gill hook a fish.

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