
Fly of the Month, November

Clouser Minnow

Hook: Mustad #3407DT or similar hook. Common sizes 2-4.

Thread: Gelspun polyester white, clear or red thread.

Weight: small or medium painted dumbbell eyes.

Body: Buck tail fur in any color combination. This example is tied in Chartreuse over white.

Accent: Krystal flash - rainbow or pearl color

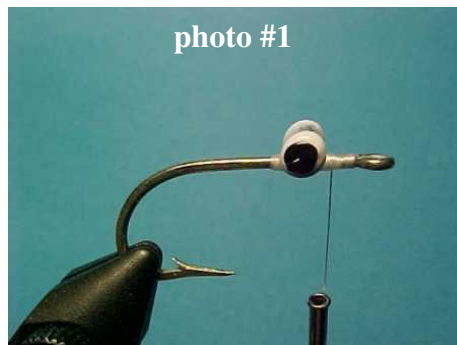


Photo # 1 Secure a solid base of thread on the first 1/2 of the hook shank near the eye. Measure back about 1/4" from the hook eye and use a figure 8 wrap to tie in the weighted eyes on the top of the hook shank. This will allow the weighted eyes to flip the hook over in the water with the point upward. You can apply head cement or glue if needed to keep the eyes solid to the hook.



Photo # 2 Tie in a slender pinch of white buck tail fur in front of the weighted eyes. Carry the tying thread through the lead eyes and bind the bucktail down directly behind the eyes to about half way down the hook shank. Wrap the thread back forward to the front of the eyes. Keep the white buck tail fur on top of the hook shank. Do not allow the hair to wrap around the hook shank.



Photo # 3 Tie in about 4 strands of Krystal flash at the eye and double it back over to the length of the tail. Keep it below the white buck tail so it will assume a level position along the hook shank.



Photo # 4 Flip the hook over in your vise, or invert your rotary vise. Tie in a pinch of Chartreuse buck tail over the top of the crystal flash at the head only. Do not carry the thread down the hook shank as earlier with the white. Whip finish a head and add head cement to finish.

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