

Fly of the Month, October

Pink Rabbit Baitfish

Hook: Mustad #310100 Size 3/0

Thread: UTC size #140 Fl. Pink

Body: Rabbit strips Fl. Pink

Accent: Flashabou copper

Weighted eyes: Brass bead chain - size medium

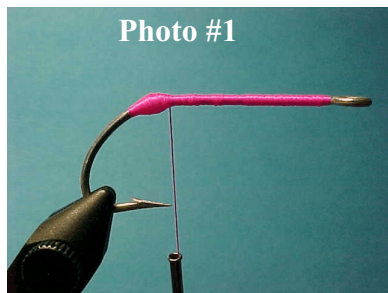


Photo #1

Photo # 1 Tie in a base of the Fl. Pink thread to the hook bend. Continue to wrap the thread to make a tight ball to support the rabbit tail.



Photo #2

Photo # 2 Tie in a strip of rabbit fur strip with about two inches hanging past the hook bend. Do not trim off the excess. Lift the excess up and wrap the thread toward the eye so it is waiting for your next tie in step.



Photo #3

Photo # 3 Spiral wrap the excess rabbit fur toward the hook eye and tie it off just about 1/8" short of the eye.



Photo #4

Photo # 4 Tie in four strands of the copper "flashabou" on either side of the hook.

Photo # 5 Tie in a pair of brass chain beads for weighted eyes. Whip finish and trim off the thread to complete the fly.

This is derived from the flesh fly used in Alaska for salmon. It was discovered that this fly also works great for large brown trout. The pink color appears in shades of brown to the fish depending on the water color and light penetration. The original artist of this fly will attest to its high success rate with salt water species. I believe it will attract large Steelhead in murky water conditions. This is a pattern that will be in my box this fall.

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