

Fly of the Month, September – Lefty's Deceiver

Hook: Size 2 to 5/0, Salt Water finish, Limerick style hook
Thread: White gel spun. Sample was tied with Gudebrod GX1
Tail: White Rooster Neck Hackle Feathers.
Tail Flash: Pearl Color Flashabou #6905
Body Fur Sides: White Buck Tail Fur.
Body Flash: Pearl Color Krystal Flash.
Throat Accent: Red Color Krystal Flash.
Body Back: Chartreuse Buck Tail Fur (other common colors are blue, olive and brown)
Body Back Accent: Peacock Herl.
Eyes (optional): 5mm size Craft Eyes.

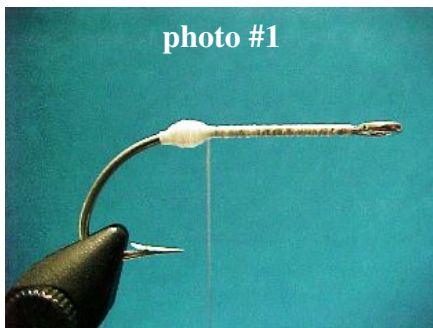


Photo # 1 Sample was tied on a Mustad #10100 size 2/0 Lymerrick hook. Tie in a base of thread along the hook shank. Form a ball at the position above the hook point to allow the tail feathers to splay outward slightly. Leave the thread at the ball since the tail feathers will be tied in there in the next step.



Photo # 2 Select two pairs of white hackle feathers to form the tail. Match two so the natural curve is faced inward to the hook. Measure just over 2 hook shank lengths and tie them in so the curve is faced inward to the hook. Match the other two feathers and tie them in on the opposite side to face inward to the hook. The shape should look inward like (()) Not outward like)) ((. Select about 8 to 10 full length strands of the pearl Flashabou. Tie them in at the mid point of the strands where you tied in the tail feathers. Allow them to double back on both sides of the tail feathers. Trim the Flashabou to length about 1/2" beyond the tips of the tail feathers. Bring the thread to the hook eye for the next step.



Photo # 3 Select a pinch of white buck tail fur and remove the under fur. Stack it so the tips are close to uniform. Measure the length to be about 1- 1/2 the hook shank length. Tie in a small bundle of white buck tail on each side of the hook shank so it comes about 1" short of the tail length. Select about 12 to 15 strands of the pearl Krystal Flash and tie them in at the mid point of the strands and allow them to double back on each side of the deer fur. Trim the Krystal Flash to exceed the length of the deer fur by about 1/2".



Photo # 4 Select about 6 strands of Red Krystal Flash. Tie them in under the throat of the hook at the hook eye. Trim them short of the hook point so they do not interfere with a hook set. Select a pinch of Chartreuse Buck Tail fur. Clean out the underfur. Stack it so the tips are close to uniform. Measure to the same length of the wide side body fur and tie it in on the top pf the hook. Select 4 to 6 peacock herl strands. Measure them to length just beyond the length of the deer fur body. Tie them in over the top of the Chartreuse fur. Form a head and Whip Finish the thread. Trim off the excess thread. Add head cement or super glue at any point of the assembly to make a stronger fly. This is the completed fly as Lefty had originated.

Photo # 5 is the same fly with the optional 5mm Eyes added.

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