

JOE BROOKS BLONDE



Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 3407, Tiemco 811S, or equivalent, size 8 to 5/0

Thread...White 3/0

Tail.....Bucktail of appropriate color

Body.....Flat silver tinsel

Wing.....Bucktail of appropriate color/Pearl flashabou (optional)

Head.....Thread, color of choice

Eyes.....Stick-on (optional)

1. Tie in thread just behind hook eye and wrap a solid thread base back to a point over the hook barb. Apply head cement, superglue, or Hard As Nails polish to the thread base. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a bunch of bucktail for use as a tail. **The tail should be 1½ to 2 times the length of the hook shank.** Tie the bucktail in over the hook barb on top of the hook shank and, wrapping the thread forward to about ¼” behind the eye, bind down the hair butts on top of the hook shank **forming an even underbody.** Trim off any excess butts. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut a 6-8” inch piece of flat silver tinsel and tie it in behind the hook eye. Wrap the tinsel in touching turns back to the base of the tail, then reverse direction and wrap it back in touching turns to ¼” behind the hook eye. Tie it off and remove any excess. Let the thread hang.
4. Cut a bunch of bucktail to use as a wing. **The wing should be 2 hook shanks in length.** Tie the hair wing in on top of the hook shank ¼” behind the hook eye. Trim off excess butts behind the hook eye and form a neat

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thread bullet head over the wing butts. Optionally, tie-in pearl flashabou with the wing hair. The flashabou should be the same length as the hair. It is suggested that you coat the wing butts/thread head with cement to help bind the hair together.

4. Whip finish and cut the thread.
5. The original Blonde had no eyes, but, if desired, you can add them by either painting them on the bullet head or by attaching small (2-2.5 mm) stick-on eyes. After attaching the eyes, coat the entire head with a small amount of epoxy.

NOTE: Variations of the Blonde are as follows:

<u>FLY</u>	<u>WING</u>	<u>TAIL</u>	<u>BODY</u>
Argentine Blonde (the Original)	Blue	White	Silver
Platinum Blonde	White	White	Pearl or Silver
Honey Blonde	Yellow	White	Gold
Strawberry Blonde	Orange	Red	Gold
Irish Blonde	Green	White	Silver
Pink Blonde	Pink	Pink	Silver
Black Blonde	Black	Black	Dark Blue
Integration Blonde	Black	White	Silver
Chartreuse Blonde	Chartreuse	Chartreuse	Silver

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