

MINNOW/DECEIVER



Recipe

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

Thread....White 3/0 or Danville 210 denier flat waxed nylon

WingWhite Bucktail/Pearl flashabou/Light blue flashabou

Throat.....Red synthetic fibers

Topping...Peacock Herl

Head.....Peacock mylar tubing/Red thread

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

1. Tie in thread just behind hook eye and wrap it back to over the **hook point** forming a good thread base. Apply head cement/superglue/Hard As Nails to the thread body and let it dry.
2. Cut and clean a fairly thick bunch of bucktail 4-5" long and tie it in on top of the hook shank $\frac{1}{2}$ " behind the hook eye as the start of the wing. The bucktail should extend past the bend of the hook at least 3-4". Bind down the butts to about $\frac{1}{4}$ " behind the hook eye and trim off any excess butts at a tapered angle (this will become the underbody for the head).
3. Cut three 5-6" bunchs (5-6 pieces) of pearl flashabou (or other color of your choice) and tie them in on the sides and top of the bucktail. The Flashabou should extend to the tip of the bucktail or slightly past it. Trim off any excess flashabou butts (be sure to maintain the taper started with the bucktail).
4. Repeat step 3 with the Lt Blue flashabou.
5. Now cut a 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long bunch of red synthetic fibers (craft fur/yak hair/etc) and tie it in on the underside of the hook shank as a throat. The throat should extend back

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3/4" to 1" from the wing tie-in point. Neatly bind down fiber butts to 1/4" behind hook eye and trim off any excess fibers. Let thread hang. Be sure to maintain the front taper.

6. Cut 15-20 peacock herls at least 4"- 5" long. Even the tips and tie them in on top of the wing at the base of the wing. The tips of the herl should extend back over top of the wing to the end of the wing. Wrap over the herl butts to slightly behind the hook eye maintaining the front taper. Trim off any excess herl butts.
7. Now form a neat **conical** thread head extending from the wing tie-in point to behind the hook eye. Wrap the thread back to the back of the thread head, whipfinish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the thread wraps.
8. Using red thread, tie-in a 2-3" piece of peacock mylar tubing at the front of the thread head behind the hook eye. The tubing length should extend far enough to cover the thread wraps binding down the wing. Trim off any excess tubing.
9. Form a small neat red thread head on top of the tubing tie-in thread wraps behind the hook eye. Whipfinish and cut the thread.
10. If desired, attach stick-on eyes to either side of the mylar tubing.
11. Coat the entire head and eyes with a coating of epoxy. Be sure avoid getting epoxy onto the bucktail, flashabou, herl, or throat fibers.
12. Be sure to turn the head as required while the epoxy cures to avoid cupping/sags in the epoxy.

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