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FLY OF THE MONTH

"Ultra Shrimp"



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This is a very simple and effective pattern for Sea Trout (in Jersey we call them Weakfish), Redfish (drum), Stripers (Rockfish) and Blues. With the UV Resins that came on the market now make tying epoxy type flies easier to tie. You do not have to place your fly on a rotating drying rack and wait 5 to 10 minutes for them to dry. You can change the color of the materials to match the shrimp in your area.

Materials

Hook: Size 4 to 8 Saltwater Hook (Daiichi 2546)

Thread: Tan monocord or clear mono

Mouth: EP Fibers or Super Hair (color to match your shrimp) Green, White, Clear, Tan, Pink

Eyes: I am melting 30 lb. mono and adding a drop of UV Resin.

Flash: Pearl Krystal Flash

Underbody: Two strips of .030 lead free wire

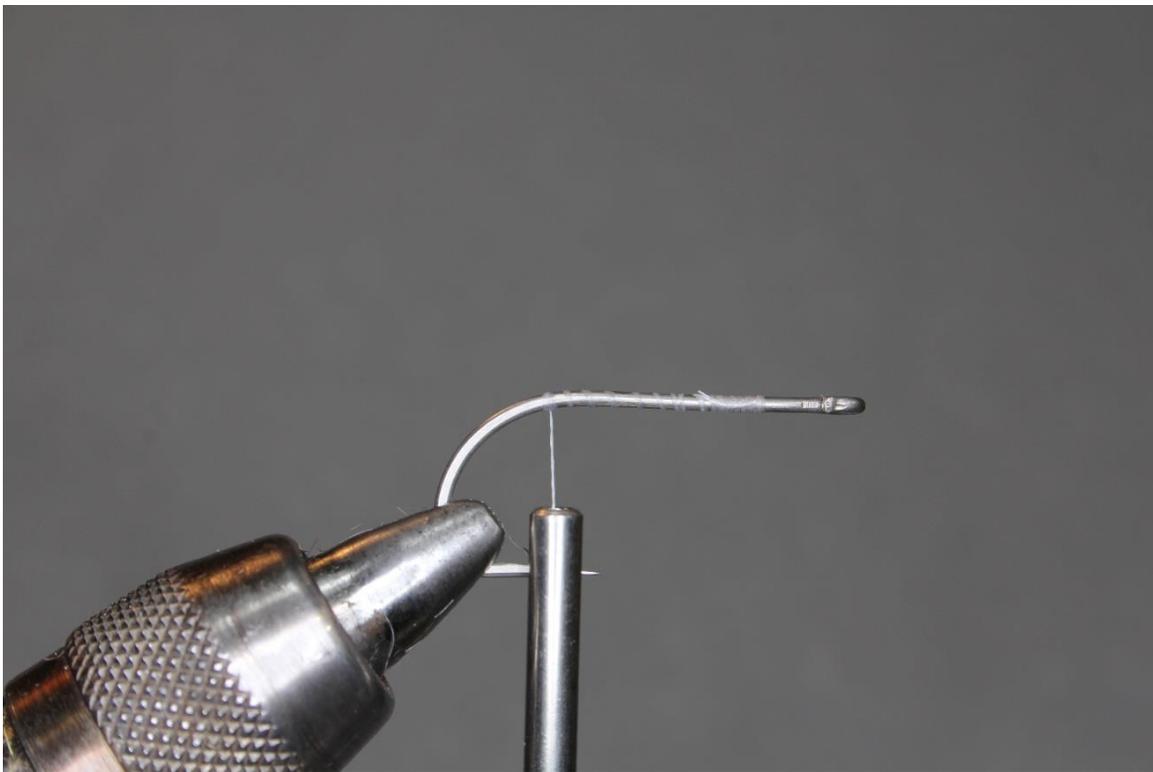
Body: UV dubbing color to match shrimp. (Pearl, Green, Tan, Pink)

Back: EP Fibers or Super Hair

Shellback: Thick UV Resin Solarez (I like the Glow in the Dark for muddy waters or for night fishing)

Legs: Brown or tan hackle

Tying Steps



Step 1

Please hook in the vise and attach the tying thread, bring your thread to the bend of the hook.



Step 2

Tie in the mouth, I am using Super Hair Tan color. The mouth should extend past the bend of the hood. The length of the mouth is half the shank of the hook. Also, the ends should not be even.



Step 3

Leave some long and short fibers past the bend.
Wrap your thread towards the middle of the shank of the hook.



Step 4

Trim off the fibers and secure with wraps of thread and bring your thread back to the bend of the hook.



Step 5

From fishing this a few times the weight of the epoxy would turn the fly sideways.
So, to correct that I added lead free wire to the bottom of the hook shank.



Step 6

First strip of wire added to the bottom of the shank of the hook.



Step 7

Here is the second strip of lead free wire secured to the bottom of the shank of the hook.



Step 8

Add a few fibers of Pearl Krystal flash for flash.



Step 9:

I like to have the flash longer than the mouth. These are used to look like feelers.



Step 10

Make two mono eyes or buy EP Crab eyes. Take 30-pound mono and use a lighter to melt balls at the end of the mono, then add a drop of Solarez and cure. Use a Black Sharpie and color the eyes and add more Solarez to make the eyes bigger.



Step 11

Tie the eyes on each side of the body. Eyes should extend past the bend of the hook.



Step 12

Tie in a brown or tan hackle for legs at the bend of the hook.



Step 13

Dub a reverse taper body. I am using Shrimp UV Ice Dubbing.



Step 14

Wrap the hackle through the body using even spacing.



Step 15

Trim hackle on the top of the body.



Step 16

Tie the back of the shrimp using either EP Fibers, I am using Super Hair.
Extend part of it past the eye of the hook for the tail.



Step 17

Whip Finish and cut the thread.



Step 18

Add a coat of UV Resin to the back of the body.



Step 19

Once you have a coat of UV Resin on the top of the body, pull the back of the shrimp and lay it down on top of the Solarez. Then add a layer of Solarez to the top of the fly to create the shellback.



Step 20

Once you have the desired shape and thickness of your shellback,
use the: UV lamp and cure the Solarez.



Step 21

Now trim the Super Hair for the length you want.
Usually the length is 1 ½ to 2 times the shank of the hook.

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