

## EP YELLOW PERCH



By Bob Bates

Often when you are fishing for larger fish you need something that looks like it is good to eat. Bass and other fish will go after larger offerings especially if they look alive like a minnow. Steve Jensen of Springfield, MO was tying this big fish offering at the 2010 FFF Conclave and Fly Fishing Fair in West Yellowstone, Montana. Steve uses it to fish for pike and smallmouth bass. A sink tip line and short strips does the trick. You want to make it look like a small fish that is just swimming around.

The fibers used in this pattern are called EP by most tiers, and EP is short for Enrico Puglisi who has developed many flies using these fibers for saltwater and freshwater fishing. If your local fly shop doesn't carry EP check his website for a dealer near you: [www.epflies.com](http://www.epflies.com)

### Materials list:

**Hook:** Owner Mosquito™ hook

**Thread:** Monofilament tying thread (fine)

**Gills:** EP silky fiber, red

**Body:** EP, golden olive and fish belly

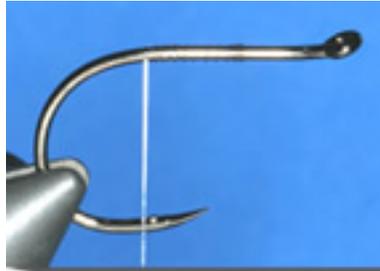
**Lateral line:** EP yellow

**Highlight:** EP sparkle fiber

**Eyes:** Solid plastic eyes (cut stems off)

**Parr marks:** Pantone water proof marker, dark brown

## Tying steps:



1. Put thread on hook and let it hang at the bend. (This hook was designed for drop shot or down shot worm fishing, but do not let that bother you. Steve found it a useful fly tying hook for saltwater and fresh water patterns.)



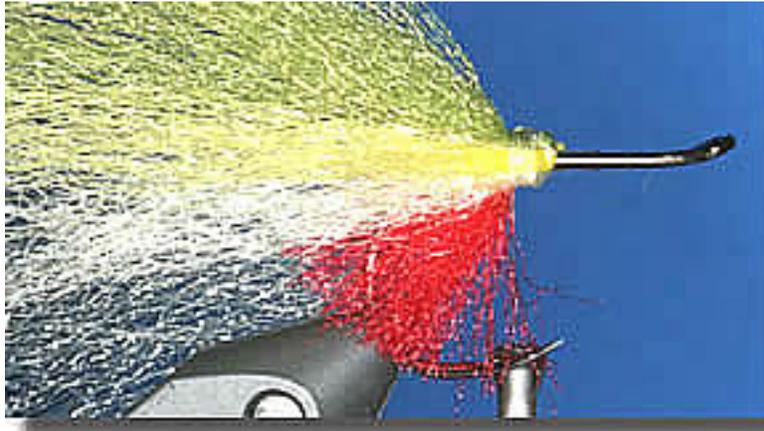
2. Each step in tying this pattern uses super glue to make a durable fly. Put some Zap-a-Gap on a piece of plastic. It will not set for a long time. Use a wooden tooth pick or bodkin to put the super glue on after tying each bunch of the EP material. Using a small clump of EP Silky Fibers, fold the fibers around the thread and position the bundle under the bend and secure. Wrap thread behind bundle to make it stand away from the hook, wrap over the fold to make it point rearward. Trim fibers just below the point of the hook.



3. Select a small bundle of the EP golden olive fibers. Cut the golden olive fibers into three pieces. Leave the first piece at half the total length of the fiber. Then cut the other piece in half. Do the same thing with the EP fish belly and EP yellow fibers. Put the pieces on a Velcro strip so they don't blow away. Secure the middle of the first (longer) bundle of EP golden olive on top of the hook, fold it back and wind over the fold.



4. Turn hook over (a rotating vise is most helpful). Take the long piece of the EP fish belly, secure the middle in front of the gills, fold it back along each side of the hook and secure. It should be distributed more on the sides than under the hook.



5. Secure the middle of the longer bunch of EP yellow fibers right in front of the gills and fold it back along the sides of the body, and tie securely. This simulates a lateral line between the fish belly and the golden olive.



6. Secure a little EP sparkle on top of the golden olive. Add a drop of Zap-A-Gap to the base of all of the clumps at this time.



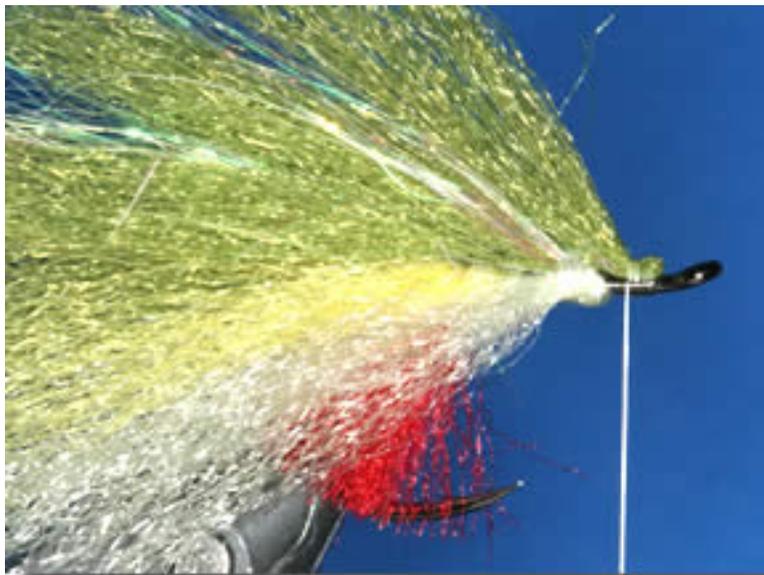
7. Move the thread forward to about two eye lengths from the eye, and tie in one of the short pieces of EP golden olive, folding it in half and secure like before in step 3.



8. Turn hook over, and tie in one of the small bunches of EP fish belly as in step 4.



9. Tie in a small amount of EP sparkle as in step 6. Add a drop of Zap-A-Gap to the bases of all of the clumps at this time.



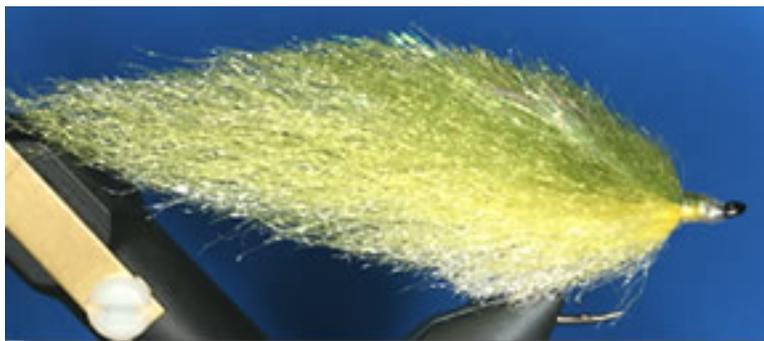
10. Move the thread forward to about an eye width from the eye, and tie in the other short piece of EP golden olive as in steps 3 and 7.



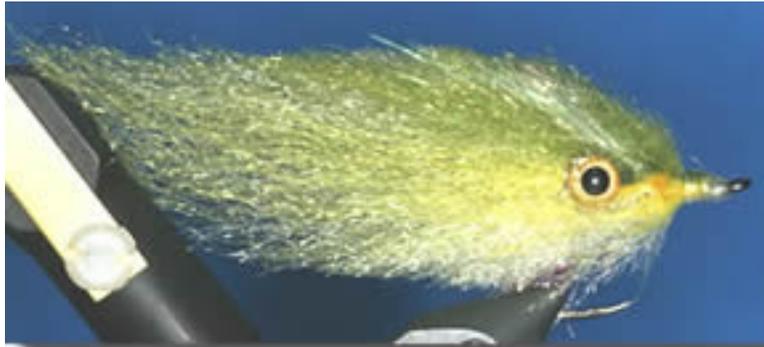
11. Tie on the other small piece of EP fish belly as in steps 4 and 8.



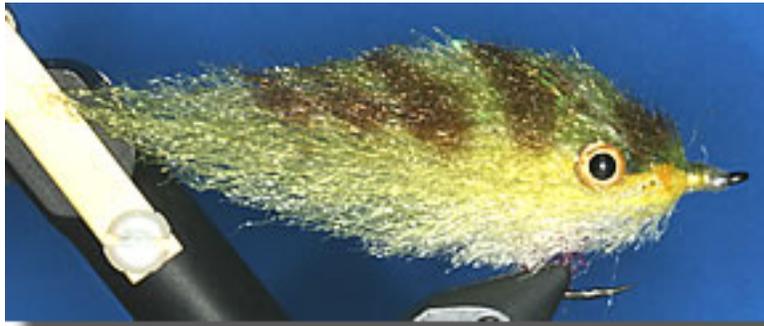
12. Finish head with a whip finisher and add a drop of Zap-A-Gap to the wraps. Once the head is dry, comb out the fibers with a fine tooth comb



13. Trim the EP fibers with a serrated scissors to a fish shape. The trimming should be proportional to the size of the hook.



14. Use a Cautery tool to melt the eye sockets. Using Goop or similar cement, cement the plastic eyes into the sockets.



15. Put on pattern with dark brown Pantone pen.

### **Closing comments:**

This is not a difficult pattern as suggested by the 15 steps. Many of the steps are repetitions of steps 3, 4 and 5. Just remember to use super glue each time the EP is tied in. Steve caught 25 pike on one fly before he retired it. Practice tying a few of them, and then try them out on a bass or pike lake near you. I bet the EP Yellow Perch would catch large size brown trout also.

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