

Firetail Brim Bug Eye

Modification of the Brim Bug Eye from Stewart and Allen's

Flies for Bass & Panfish

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LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: easy to moderate

MATERIALS:

Hook: #10 TMC 3761 1 XL 2XH

Thread: Florescent chartreuse or orange single stranded floss

Legs: Sili Legs in chartreuse or orange; pearl Krystal Flash

Body: black medium chenille

Hackle: purple saddle hackle

Flash: silver Bodi-braid

Eyes: chartreuse or orange chain bead heads

Optional: add a small amount of lead to hook shank

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



Debarb hook and wrap floss thread base.



Select three strands of Sili legs, center strands at hook bend, tie in.



Select three strands of pearl Krystal Flash, center over Sili legs, tie in.



Fold over Sili legs and Krystal Flash and tie down tightly.



Trim and attach at bend of hook: purple saddle hackle, silver Bodi-braid, and black chenille, in that order. 1ST RULE OF FLY TYING: First material tied in at hook bend is the last material to be wrapped.



Wrap floss to front of thread base and tie in chain bead head. Use dozen or so figure 8 turns. Apply drop of super glue to eye wraps.



Palmer chenille to behind bead eyes, tie off and trim excess chenille.



Tightly pull forward Bodi-braid and tie off, fold back excess, tie down, trim excess.



Make one complete turn of hackle at rear of chenille, then palmer forward to behind bead eyes. Tie off and trim hackle, wrap floss head, trim, glue head. Trim legs to slightly longer than one body length.

The Firetail Brim Bug Eye is an excellent bluegill pattern and works especially well in early spring (mid-April to mid-May) when the water is still cool, a bit off color and the fish have not yet moved to the pond edges. Cast, let sink, strip slowly.