

Howard's White Fly

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Hook: Eagle Claw Aberdeen Light Wire Size 1

Thread: 140 denier White

Tail: 4 narrow white rooster hackles and silver holographic tinsel

Body: Medium White Rayon Chenille

Hackle: White Rooster Hackle, 1 to 1.5 hook gap wide

Tying Notes:

The tail feathers should be good match, about 1 to 1.5 times the length of the hook shank. Tie in two feathers on each side of the hook with the concave curve facing out to form a split tail. Use a sparse amount of tinsel - 2 or three strands on each side of the hook.

When tying in the body, wrap the chenille one turn between the tail and the body hackle. Palmer the hackle up the body but finish the hackle at the head with 3 or 4 tight turns.

Fishing Notes:

Howard's White Fly is an excellent fly for bass in lakes and ponds. Use a floating line and long leader and simply let the fly slowly sink near structure. Watch the fly, when it disappears, lift the rod tip to set the hook or to recast.