

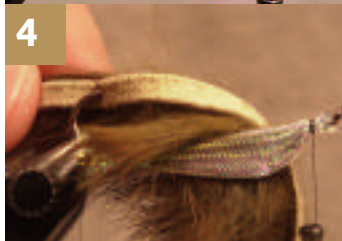
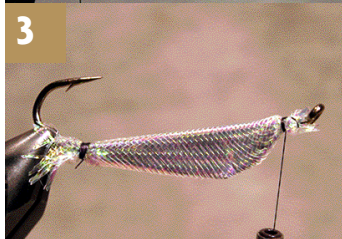
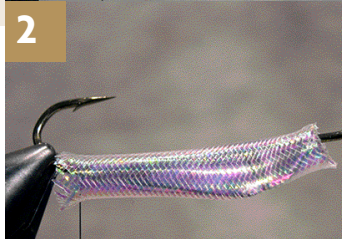
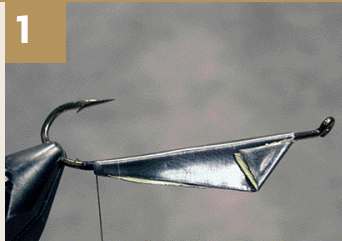


Deluxe Zonker

- Hook:** Streamer Hook 4xl #6-#2
- Thread:** 6/0 Black
- Underbody:** Lead Tape
- Body:** Mylar Tubing
- Wing:** Zonker Strip
- Throat:** Hackle Fibers or Antron Yarn
- Eyes:** Prismatic Tape Eyes

Tying Instructions

1. Fold a piece of lead tape over the hook shank and trim it to the shape of a tapered minnow body.
2. Attach thread at the bend of the hook (back part of the minnow), and slide a piece of tubing over the hook and lead tape. Tie in the tubing at this point and tie off the thread.
3. Re-attach the thread at the front of the hook and tie in the tubing to totally cover the lead tape.
4. Take a piece of zonker strip and pierce the leather with the hook point so that the fur extends away from the fly body and backwards.
5. Pull the zonker strip so that it rides along the back of the body. Tie in the zonker strip at the head of the fly.
6. Tie in a throat of hackle barbs or antron yarn. This throat should extend about 1/3 of the body length. Tie off and trim the thread.
7. Attach tape eyes and coat with a light coat of epoxy.



The underbody created by lead tape makes for a weighted body that ensures the fly rides hook point up.

Tying off the tubing at the rear can be a challenge. Try using half hitches or a hand whip finish.

Notice the nice scale-like body created by the mylar tubing. Try this pattern in a variety of color combinations.

The leather of the zonker strip on the hook shank holds it securely.

Note that if you avoid trapping excess hair it makes for a neater fly and less wasted material

If you wish to fish the fly without eyes, simply trim the thread at this point.

Tape Eyes epoxied on to the head of the fly makes for a more durable fly that attracted the attention of predator fish.



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