

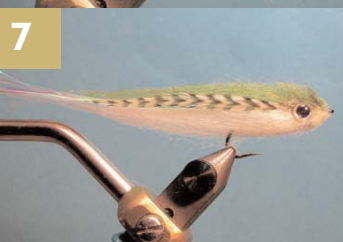


Crafty Minnow

- Hook:** Wide Gap Bass Hook #6- #2
- Thread:** 6/0 (light color)
- Lower Wing:** Craft Fur (light)
- Upper Wing:** Craft Fur (darker)
- Flash:** Flashabou or Krystal Flash (choice of color)
- Eyes:** 3D Epoxy (choice of color)

Tying Instructions

1. Attach thread on the front third of the hook shank and tie in a tapered clump of craft fur in about 2 hook eye widths back from the front of the hook shank. The thick part should extend past the front of the hook.
2. Fold in a piece of flash right on top of the tie in point of the light craft fur. This should extend well past the craft fur.
3. At the same tie in place tie a clump of tapered craft fur on the top of the hook shank.
4. Tie in a grizzly hackle feather on each side of the hook so it creates a lateral line between the dark and light craft fur.
5. Move the thread to the front of the hook, build a head of thread, tie off and cement this thread.
6. Using an adhesive like Zap a Gap Gel, stick the 3D epoxy eyes in on top of the junction point where all of the materials were tied in. This should result in having a bunch of material sticking out above and in front of the eyes.
7. Trim the material in front of and on top of the eyes to the shape of a minnow head.



Turning the hook upside down makes tying in the belly easier. If you wish to put a red throat on this pattern it can be done just behind the wing. For weight, a bead could also be put in behind the wing.

Folding in the flash makes the fly more durable. The flash should extend beyond the lower wing to create a "tail flick".

The contrasting colors of this fly can be varied to match local minnows or attract attention of hungry fish.

The lateral line feather is optional but does make for a nicer looking fly. Other materials like contrasting flash or waterfowl flank feather can also be used.

Zap a Gap Gel is the best adhesive for this pattern, but GOOP and Super Glue will work if they are all you have. A small drop will do the job.

The eyes can be various colors and sizes. Larger or brighter eyes can make the fly look bigger to fish without adding material or making it tougher to cast.

Trimming the head should be started with two cuts one on top and one on the bottom to set the angles of the head to blend with the wing. Then more detailed trimming can be done.



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