

# Clouser Minnow

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## Materials Needed:

Hook: TMC 811S #2/0-6

Thread: 3/0 or 6/0 white

Eyes: Painted Lead Eyes, sized to hook

Belly: White Bucktail

Flash: Gold Krystal Flash or color of choice

Back: Chartreuse Bucktail

Nose Tag: Chartreuse tying thread



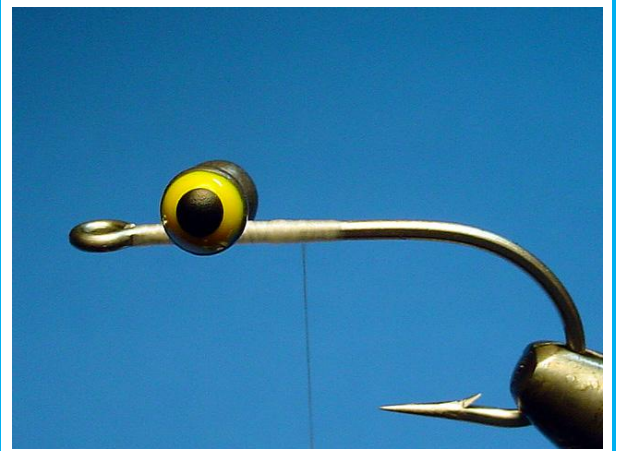
Begin by forming a smooth thread base over the front third of the shank.

Place a pair of lead eyes about three eye lengths back from the eye and tie them in with several X wraps going from the back to the front.

Post the thread around the base of the eyes by wrapping between the underside of the eyes and the hook shank.

Straighten the eyes out on the shank so they are perpendicular to the shank.

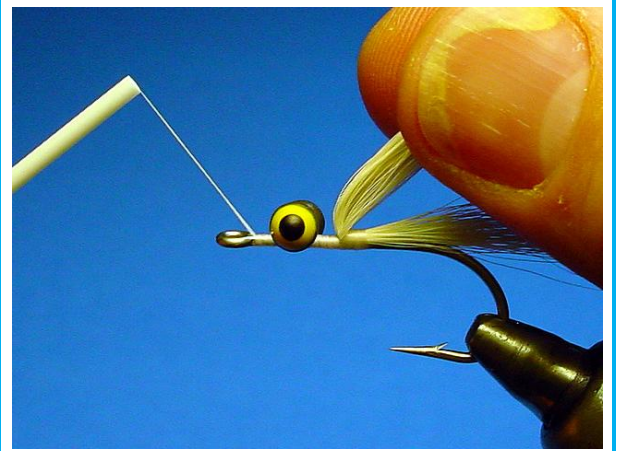
Add a drop of head cement to the eyes and thread wraps.



Select a clump of white bucktail (the amount is up to you, sparser on small flies and a little heavier on larger patterns) and measure it so it is equal to about two hook shank lengths. Do not stack this hair as the natural unevenness of the tips adds to the "fishy" silhouette of the finished fly.

Tie this clump of bucktail down at the rear end of the thread base behind the eyes. Make a band of thread over the tie down area to secure the hair to the hook.

Pull the butt ends of the bucktail back and move the thread to the front of the eyes by crossing UNDER them.



Tie them down in front of the eyes with several tight turns of thread.



Clip the butt ends off as close to the shank as possible. Wrap the thread over the butts to smooth out the head area. Invert the hook in the vise. Double the flash around the thread and pull it down to the hook in front of the eyes. Wrap back over the flash so it lies over the top of the white bucktail.



Select a clump of chartreuse bucktail about the same size as the white belly clump and measure it so it is the same length as the white. Tie in the Chartreuse bucktail between the lead eyes and the hook eye with several tight turns of thread.



Clip the butt ends off flush and build a smooth thread head to cover the stubs. I like to make a "nose tag" on my Clousers to add a little highlight. This is purely optional but does add a finishing touch. To do it, simply start a complimentary color thread just behind the eye and build a narrow band of thread. Whip finish and clip.



Add a drop of head cement all the way around the thread head.

Add a little more cement to the tie down area on the top of the shank where the white bucktail is tied in as well.

