

Shiner Minnow

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Materials Needed:

Hook: Mustad 3665A #6 6 XL (TMC 300)
Thread: White 6/0 – 3/0
Body: UNI-French Embossed Silver Metal Tinsel #12
Rib: Silver Oval Metal Tinsel
Wing 1: Slate Gray Bucktail
Wing 2: Two Strands Bright Yellow Krystal Flash
Wing 3: 5 Strands UV Tan Krystal Flash
Wing 4: Lavender Bucktail
Wing 5: 4 Strands Peacock Herl
Head: White tying Thread, Testers painted eye



Tying Instructions: Materials are listed in the order they are attached to the hook.

Note – Apply a coat of superglue to the body of the fly before wrapping the tinsel forward to make the body more durable.



Head: White tying thread painted with silver Testors model paint.

Pupils are formed with black acrylic craft paint. I painted the head with two coats of Sally Hansen's Hard-As-Nails high gloss nail polish after the eyes had dried. The eyes kind of follow you around because the bulge out from the sides a bit. The thread head should be fairly big to make the eyes more prominent. The silver paint is Testors.



To shape the flies: Wet with water after all of the tying steps are done, then let them air dry. That is why the shape of the bucktail wing is tapered. The wetting and drying process helps train the hair to keep a more tapered profile.



