

# The Fly Tyer's Corner Recipe by Mike Morphew

## Spoon Fly

Spoon flies have been a popular choice for many fly fishermen after those elusive reds on our coastline. It is not a difficult tying in fact very simple with only a few steps, and the bodies can be purchased to make life easier. Here is my recipe and remember colors can be changed for the body and tailing.

## Materials

Hook: saltwater short shank 6 or 4

Thread: any strong UTC will work to match the overall color of the fly

Body : choose a color of your choice (these can be purchased on Ebay for about \$2.50 for 10) or you can make them yourself.

Tail: a mix of flashabou and marabou fibers

Eyes: bead chain

Epoxy or a good UV resin



**Steps 1:** Place the hook in the vice and put on a base of thread and catch in a small bunch of flashabou and marabou

**Step 2:** Return the thread to just behind the eye and tie in a pair of bead chain eyes



## Fly Tyer Cont.

**Step 3:** Take the thread back to the hook bend and tie in the spoon by the tag, return the thread back to the eyes and create a slight curve on the body and then tie it down behind the eyes as shown



**Step 4:** Whip finish and turn the spoon over in the vise and smear epoxy or resin around the hook shank and the spoon to secure



## Fly Tying Tips by Mike Morphew

### Paper Towels

A great way to help with the clean up after a heavy tying session. Keep a paper towel on your bench and drop all your waste onto it, this helps with feathers flying about and dropping on the floor and of course keeps someone else happy!!! If you get my meaning. At the end of your session simple fold the towel up and throw all your waste away at one time.

