

The Fly Tyer's Corner

Photos and Recipe by Jeff Hoelter

Cypert Minnow

The Cypert Minnow was one of the first, if not the first fly I ever learned to tie. Several years later I was thrilled to be sitting across the large round wooden table at the Austin Angler watching Charlie Cypert tie his famous namesake fly. It's difficult to imagine an easier pattern to tie but don't let the simplicity make you doubt its effectiveness. The Cypert Minnow, in its various sizes and colors can be used in warm water lakes and rivers, saltwater, really any situation a streamer is needed to imitate a baitfish. Many

anglers turn to a Cypert Minnow in pearl and white as their go-to fly for the white bass run.

Materials

Hook: TMC 5263 or any 3xl standard or heavy hook sizes #10 to #6

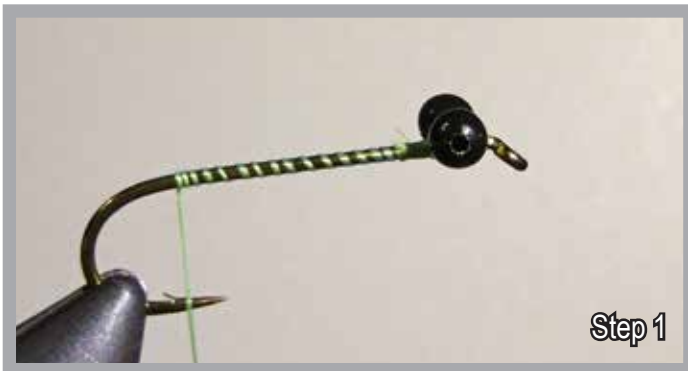
Thread: UTC 140

Eyes: Medium bead chain

Body: Standard or medium Chenille or Ultra Chenille

Flash/Tail: Mylar Cord in pearl, gold or silver

Step 1: Start the thread. Tie in the beadchain just behind the eye of the hook. Wrap to the back of the hook so the thread hangs between the barb and the point. This is the tie-in point for the rest of the fly.



Step 2: Prepare a 4" length of chenille by stripping off about an 1/8" of the fuzz from one end exposing the inner core. Tie this in at the tie-in point.



Step 3: On the far side of the hook, wrap the chenille around the bead chain from the bottom, over the top and secure it again at the tie-in point.



Step 4: On the near side of the hook, run the chenille around the bead chain, this time over the top, down, and back to the tie-in point. Cut off the excess chenille. Now take a 3" piece of mylar cord and remove the inner core. Fold the tube in half to locate the center point and push this over the eye of the hook. Make sure it is centered on the bead chain.



Step 5: Fold the top and bottom of the mylar back and secure it at the tie-in point. Use half hitches or a whip finish. Clip the thread and apply a small amount of head cement to the thread wraps.



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Step 6: Use a bodkin to pick out the tail and to help distribute the mylar evenly around the hook.



Step 7: Just a few of the color combinations.



Mike's Tip by Mike Morpew

Two quick tying tips this month for you all.

Frustrated with gluing those eyes on your baitfish patterns and getting your fingers glued together with super glue? I have found a glue that is the best I have used and very easy to use. The product is called "Fletch-Tite and is used in the making of arrows after using this I have been able to place eyes without the sticky finger problem. I purchased mine at Academy for a few bucks.

My second tip of the month is a question I am often asked "how do I tell the weighted flies in my boxes from the un-weighted"?

Well I change the tying thread at the head of a weighted fly to chartreuse, it does not seem to make a difference to the fish catching and makes it easy for instant recognition at the waterside.

