

Al's West Branch Smelt

Hook: 6X Streamer such as Mustad 3665A or Daiichi 2340, size 2 to 8

Thread: White 8/0 or 6/0, Black 6/0

Body: Fine Pearlescent Flash Yarn

Throat: Red Hackle Barbules

Wing: Long fiber white Calf tail or White Bucktail, then lavender calf or Bucktail, then Lavender Krystal Flash, then 5 to 6 strands of Peacock Herl



1. Tie in white thread approximately 1/8" back from the eye of the hook.
2. Tie in the pearlescent flash yarn at the tie in point.
3. Holding the flash yarn along the bottom side of the hook shank, spiral wrap the thread back to the start of the hook bend.
4. Wrap the thread forward to the original tie in point.
5. Closely wrap the flash yarn forward to completely cover the hook shank. Tie off at original tie in point and whip finish.
6. Tie in black thread at tie in point.
7. Tie in bundle of red hackle barbules to form throat.
8. Tie in sparse bundle of white calf or Bucktail to form the wing, being careful to keep it on the top of the shank. Wing should be about a hook gap longer than the hook.
9. Tie in sparse bunch of lavender calf or Bucktail on top of the white.
10. Tie in a sparse bunch of lavender Krystal Flash on top of the wing.
11. Tie in 5 to 6 strands of Peacock Herl over the wing.
12. Form a head with the thread.
13. Whip finish.
14. Apply head cement.

