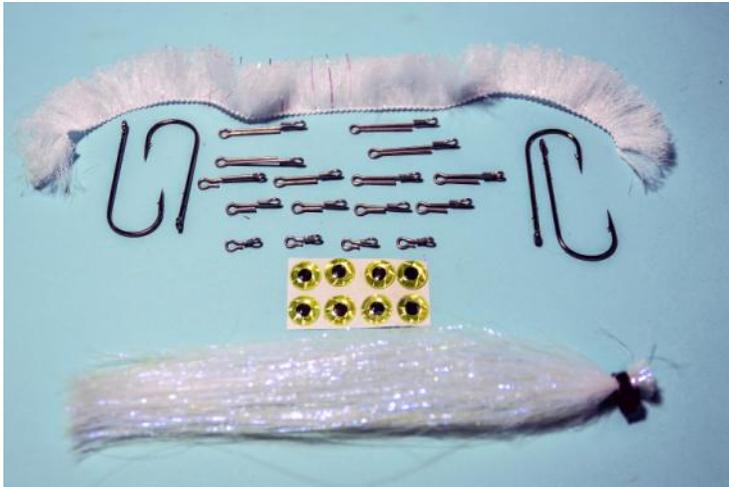




Articulated Minnow Tying Kit



Our kit contains enough hooks, 16 different length shanks ranging from 1/2" through 1 1/4", CCT body fur, and UV Enhancer tail material, and 3 D eyes to tie 4 of today's most popular articulated minnow patterns.

You will be using 4 different shanks to tie this fly. The first shank is the smallest in length approximately 1/2" long.



Step 1: Insert the 1/2" long shank into the vise as shown . Start the thread. We suggest using a 3/0 or 6/0 thread.



Step 3 : Apply a liberal amount of adhesive to the tail and flatten it with your fingers. You can use most head cements, Goop or hard head. I prefer using "Platinum fletch tite" arrow fletching adhesive. Great stuff!



Step 2: Cut a small bunch of the UV Enhancer flash material and attached it to the facing side of the hook. Repeat this step again, but now attach it to the opposite side, creating flat tail.



Step 4: Cut a piece of body fur approximately 7 " long and stretch it as shown. The pre stretching allows the body fur to develop a set before you tie it on. Taper the left end as shown. This will be your first tie in point.



Step 5: Tie the tapered end as far back as you can. **TIP!** Body fur has a grain. Make sure that on your first wrap the material is flowing backwards. This is very important. If the material wants to roll the opposite way, use your thumb as a guide folding it backwards as you continue to wrap the material forward. *See picture below.* Once you have wrapped to the end of the shank, tie off and apply head cement.



Step 6: Attach the tail to the 3/4" length shank. Insert it into the vise as shown. With the remaining material, build another section as shown and attach to 1" shank.





Step 8: We suggest pre trimming the completed segments
Before tying the 1 1/4" shank on top of the hook. Connect the tail section to the 1 1/4" shank. When positioning the shank make sure the end loop is *just* a little behind the bend of the hook as shown. Use several wraps of thread to hold the shank in place and apply head cement to the entire shank Continue the thread forward behind the eye of the hook .



Step 9: Cover the hook shank as shown with more CCT body fur, tie off and apply head cement.



Step 7: Using the 1" shank ,cover the third shank as shown. At this point we suggest brushing the body fur towards the front of the fly. It Should appear tight and full. Below is a picture of a pet brush that works very well.



Tip! If you plan on tying a lot of these style flies we strongly suggest in purchasing a good quality kitchen shear. Trimming this material will wear out your good tying scissors in a very short time!

Now the FUN begins! It's time to shape the minnow.

We cannot stress the importance while trimming the minnow to

TAKE YOUR TIME!

It is very easy to mess up while trimming. This procedure takes longer to do than actually tying the body. Start at the head of the fly and carefully trim it to a taper cylinder as pictured. Gradually work back towards the tail and brush frequently. After practice you will develop this technique.



Almost ready for the eyes. Needs a little more trimming. By using a heat gun on LOW setting you can tighten up the small fibers resulting in a more molded body.

BE CAREFULL it doesn't take much to ruin a fly!
Apply eyes and your done.





Finished Articulated Minnow

TYING TIPS

Always wrap the body fur as tight as you can.

Apply Goop or Fletch-Tite to the head and work it in to form or shape the profile of the fly. Don't forget the tail.

By weighting the first or tail segment with lead wire it will put a little more “KICK” into the fly. About 5 wraps of .20 wire.

When making the tail use a large bunch of UV Fibers. After applying the “fletch –tite” or Goop, form a large fan shape. The wider the tail the more action you will get.

If you want more “Head Bobbing ” action, Trim the head in a bull or flat nose profile.



Some Variations