

Clouser Minnow



Recipe

Hook:	Mustad 3366 size 12 - 2
Thread:	Black & red 6/0
Belly:	white bucktail (sparse)
Flash:	Krystal Flash (8 strands)
Upper wing:	Bucktail, olive or chartreuse, tied sparse
Eyes:	Brass or lead dumbbells or bead-chain, size to match hook

Tying Instructions:

1. Tie in the red thread behind the hook eye and wrap a smooth base layer to the bend of the hook. Reverse direction and wrap back to just forward of mid-shank.
2. Mount the eyes on top of the hook shank using crisscross wraps. Make enough wraps to firmly attach the eyes and then make horizontal wraps between the dumbbell and the hook to reinforce the connection. Finish with the thread in front of the eyes.
3. Apply a thin coat of head cement to the thread and let dry.
4. Tie on the belly hair in front of the eyes with about 8 - 10 snug wraps. The bucktail should be about three times the length of the hook. Wrap the thread to behind the eyes and bind the bucktail to the top of the hook with a continuous band of thread from behind the eyes to the hook bend. Wrap back to the eyes and tie off the thread.
5. Turn the hook over in the vise so that the hook point is up and tie in the black thread behind the eye of the hook.
6. Tie in a bunch of crystal flash that is slightly longer than the bucktail that you used for the belly. Tie it down in front of the eyes only.
7. Tie in the bucktail for the wing. Use a slightly larger bunch of hair than you used for the belly and the same length.
8. Trim the butts and bind them down, forming a tapered head. Whip-finish the thread, and apply cement to the head.

Notes:

- If painting eyes, they should be cleaned by soaking in acetone for 60 seconds and wiping dry between a couple of paper towels. Wash hands prior to handling. Use vinyl jig paint for best results. Apply a base coat of white, followed by a color coat and then an optional clear top coat. Finally dot on the black pupil.
- Freshwater hooks, Mustad 3366 or Tiemco 8089 for lighter flies or the Mustad 3406 or 3407 for heavier flies.

- Saltwater hooks, Mustad 3407 or 34007
- Eyes can be a variety of materials. Bead chain, lead dumbbells or plated brass dumbbells in a wide range of sizes.
- Bucktail should be at least three times the length of the entire hook
- Flashabou should be longer than the bucktail by up to one hook length.

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Black-Nose Dace Clouser Minnow

Hook: Mustad 3366, sizes 2 – 8

Thread: Black or red 6/0

Eyes: Extra-small dumbbell eyes, painted black

Belly: White Bucktail

Wing: Several strand each of red and silver Flashabou or similar tinsel, over which is tied natural gray squirrel tail.