

Minnow Back Smelt



Materials

Thread (Tandem Body)	Heavy white or Uni-Stretch
Thread (Head)	Black 6/0
Hook Rear	Mustad 3399 size 6
Hook Front	Mustad 3399 size 4
Wire	2 ¼" 20# nylon coated braided wire
Tail	Red Schlappen
Body	Silver Diamond Braid
Belly	Shimmer Fringe Minnow Belly
Throat	Red Schlappen
Wing	Shimmer Fringe Pink/Purple

Start the thread on the rear hook and lay down a base of thread on the hook shank leave the thread at the back of the shank. Thread the wire through the eye of the hook and bind down the wire under the hook shank. (Make sure the wire is lined up properly before binding down). With very strong thread tension wrap the up and down the hook shank to properly secure the wire. Prepare a bundle of schlappen fibers and tie in on top of the hook shank for the tail length equal to the hook gape. Tie in the diamond braid at the rear of the hook shank. Move the thread to the eye and wrap the diamond braid in side by side wraps to the eye. Tie off the diamond braid and trim the excess. Finish the rear hook with thread wraps and half hitches or a whip finish and apply a small amount of head cement. Set aside the rear hook with the wire. Start the thread on the front hook and lay down a base of thread and leave the thread at the back of the shank. Attach the rear hook and wire to the front hook by laying the wire on the top of the front hook shank with thread wraps., don't crowd the eye leave the wire back about 2 eyes from the front hook eye. (make sure the front and rear hook are lined up in the same "geometric plane") With very strong thread tension wrap up and down the hook shank to properly secure the wire. Tie in the diamond braid at the rear of the hook shank. Move the thread to behind the eye and wrap the diamond braid in side by side wraps to the eye. Switch to 6/0 black thread to dress the fly. Prepare the minnow belly and tie in under the hook shank to extend to the length of the tail trim off the excess. Prepare a bundle of schlappen fibers and tie in for a throat equal to the gape of the hook, trim off the excess. Prepare the Pink/Purple shimmer fringe and tie in on the top of the hook shank for a wing extending to end of the tail trim off the excess. Wrap a small head and finish with half hitches or a whip finish and apply a small amount of head cement