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Fly of the Month:

“750” Deceiver

Pattern originated by Lefty Kreh

Tied by Chris Summers



Materials:

- Hook:** Mustad 34007 (or, Similar Saltwater Hook), Size 1 – 2/0
- Thread:** Flat Waxed Nylon, Chartreuse and Black
- Tail:** Saddle Hackle, Chartreuse Grizzly
- Flash:** Flashabou, Clear or Chartreuse
- Wing:** Bucktail, Fluorescent Orange (Belly), Black (Back)
- Gills:** Krystal Flash, Red
- Eyes:** Red with Black Pupil, 7/32”

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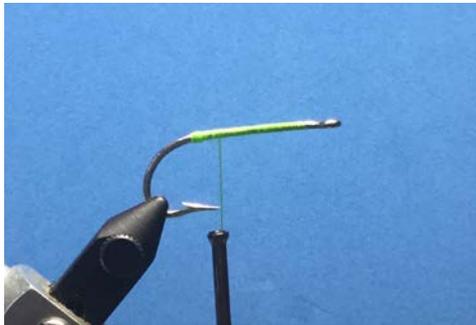
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The *Lefty's Deceiver* is one of the most versatile and popular flies that's ever been designed. The brainchild of Bernard "Lefty" Kreh, *Lefty's Deceiver* has stood the test of time and can be found everyone's fly box. The simplicity of design and, the versatility of the fly lends itself to a variety of colors and configurations. That's how I came up with the "750" Deceiver.

One of my favorite lures for winter speckled trout is the 51MR750 Mirrolure. It has Chartreuse flash sides with black barring, fluorescent orange belly with a black back. And, like most Mirrolures, red eyes. I took this color combination and applied Lefty's tried and true pattern and had some great success. I've tied this pattern in weighted versions and, with a rattle but, the original design Deceiver is my favorite, fished on an intermediate line, a short leader and retrieved with slow short strips.

Step 1:

Clamp hook in the vice. Tie in thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to a point just about the barb of the hook. Wrap a thread bump.



Step 2:

Pick and match 6 chartreuse / Grizzly hackles. Trim the hackles to a length of appx. 2½ times the length of the hook. Tie the hackles in just above the hook point with curve married inward. Place a drop of head cement.



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Step 3:

Cut a piece clear or chartreuse Flashabou. Tie in a single strand of Flashabou alongside of the hackles, trimming to a length about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the tail. Rotate fly and repeat.



Step 4:

Wind thread back to the hook eye. Cut a small bunch of bucktail (about double the size of a toothpick) and tie in as a belly.



Step 5:

Switch thread to black. Cut a small bunch of red K-Flash and tie in as a throat.



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Step 6:

Cut a pencil sized bunch of black bucktail, the same length as the orange and tie in on the back.



Step 7:

Cut a pencil sized bunch of black bucktail, about 1½ times the length as the first bunch of black. Tie in over the first bunch of black. Finish the head and tie off.



Step 8:

Glue in a pair of 7/32" red eyes, stick on or 3-D.



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Step 9:

Using your favorite UV Cure type resin, coat head and eyes and cure with the UV light. Wipe head down with an alcohol swab to clean head. Apply a light coating of Sally Hansen Hard as Nails, clear. Fish away.

