

WindKnots

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Fly of the Month:

Lefty's Craft Fur Shrimp

Originated by Lefty Kreh

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This simple pattern was developed by Lefty Kreh for bonefish but, it is also a productive pattern for most other saltwater coastal species along with largemouth bass and carp.

Materials:

Hook: Mustad 3407 DT or, similar saltwater hook, size 6 to 2

Thread: Flat Waxed Nylon, or similar, Tan or Brown

Tail: Craft Fur, Tan

Eyes: Medium Bead Chain, Dumbbell Hourglass Lead Eyes or, Black Mono Eyes

Body: Craft Fur guard hairs, Tan or, EP Brush, Tan, ½ inch.

Weed Guard: Mason or, other stiff monofilament, 20- 30# - Optional

Tail Accent: Sharpie, Black, Brown or Red

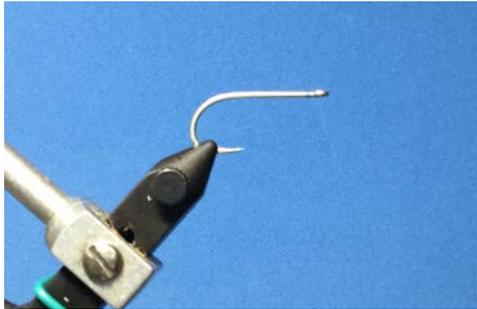
Head Cement or UV Resin

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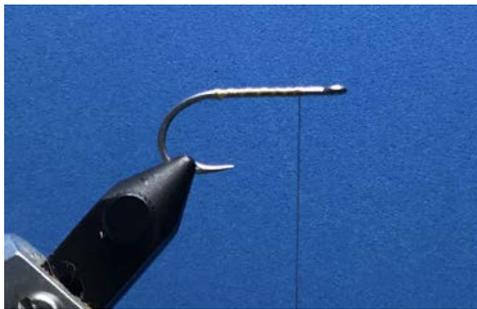
Step 1:

Secure your hook in the vise.



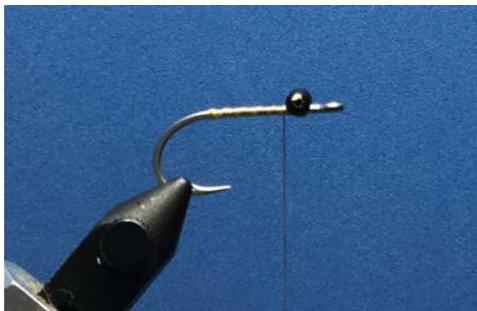
Step 2:

Tie in thread about 1/8 inch behind hook eye, wind back to a point just behind the hook point and back forward to the tie in point. Run a thin bead of head cement or Super Glue down the back of the thread.



Step 3:

Tie in a set of black bead chain, dumbbell or, mono eyes.



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Step 4:

Cut a piece of craft fur and remove the guard hairs and save them off to the side for use a little later. Cut the tail about 1½ times the length of the shank of the hook. Tie in the craft fur directly behind the eyes and wind the thread back to a point just behind the hook point. Bring the thread back to the eyes and back to the hook point.



Step 5:

Apply dubbing wax to the thread and apply the craft fur guard hairs to the thread. Take your dubbing spinner tool, create a dubbing loop and spin the thread into a tight brush. *Note: if you don't want to mess with spinning a dubbing brush, you can use a ½ inch, tan EP Dubbing Brush in its place.*



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Step 6:

Palmer the dubbing brush forward to the eyes, then take one wrap in front of the bead chain eyes and tie the dubbing brush off. Clip the dubbing brush off, taking care not to cut the thread.



Step 7:

Create a tapered head and whip finish. *Note: If you want to add a weed guard to your fly, you can tie it in at this point.* Cut your thread and add a couple of drops of head cement (or UV Resin). Let the head cement dry.



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Step 8:

With a dubbing brush, bodkin or, stiff tooth brush, pick out the body to give it a “buggy” look



Step 9:

Take a black, brown or red Sharpie and bar the tail, giving it a segmented look and then, *Go Fishing!*



Tight loops and tight lines!