

Euro Nymphing - Simple Minnow

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This basic minnow streamer has been working wonders for me over the past few years. From Lake Erie steelhead, to finicky tailwater rainbows, this fly is a proven winner for me. It gets down quickly, and is a great imitation of fallfish fry. When the dry fly dubbing gets saturated, it becomes partially translucent, reminiscent of a small baitfish.

Hook: Size 10 heavy jig hook

Thread: Danville Flat Waxed Nylon Thread - 70 Denier - White

Beads: 3/16" tungsten bead

Underbody: Hareline UV Ice Dubbing

Tail: White marabou

Body: Fly Tyers Dungeon Bull Frawg Dubbing



1. Start tying thread and secure marabou in wooly bugger style.
2. Heavily dub the body all the way to the beach of the bead.
3. Secure dubbing pinch at its midpoint, flip hook over, secure slightly larger clump, both right behind the bead.
4. Whip finish in front of the dubbing clumps, right behind the bead.
5. Preen folded dubbing backwards, and pull out any overly long strands.



Belly Scratcher Minnow Variation

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This pattern was first tied by Cheech at Fly Fish Food almost a decade ago for trout, however by upsizing the hook this fly has become my go-to streamer for all species of bass.

Hook: Mustad O'Shaughnessy Stainless Steel Hook

Thread: Danville Flat Waxed Nylon Thread - 140 Denier - White

Beads: Brass Coneheads - 3/16"

Body: Hareline UV Polar Chenille

Tail: Olive rabbit zonker strips

Head: Fly Tyers Dungeon Bull Frawg Dubbing

Eyes: 3D Holographic Eyes - Super Pearl - 3/16"

1. Tie in mono line, thread on beads, and secure.
2. Tie in and wrap forward chenille over beads.
3. Thread the rabbit strip through the hook point
4. Tie in rabbit strip behind the hook eye
5. Take two clumps of dubbing, tying one in on the top and bottom of the fly.
6. Fold the dubbing back and whip finish.
7. Super glue 3D eyes on the dubbing tie in point.

