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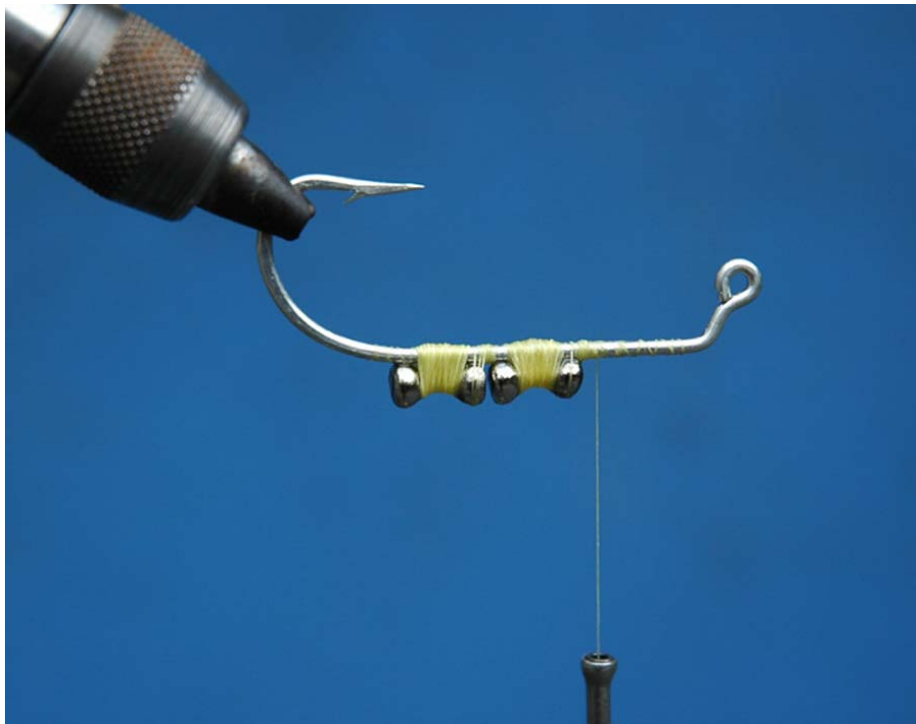
Here is a 7 step slide show describing a fly that has been working well for me in the delta.

I'm not much a "fly geek" when it comes to pattern. I feel that presentation is generally more important but this fly is fun to tie, it's pretty (at least I think so) and the action is pretty interesting. It can be the difference between catching and not catching.....it seems to trigger strikes when presented correctly with a popping retrieve mixed with lots of pauses.

Not sure if this pattern is original so I'll describe it only as a hook up Deceiver. I stole elements of the Deceiver, the Sea Habit Deceiver, Dan's bunny strip Clouser and the SST fly. It's keel/rear weighting is what gives it the loop d'loop action.

The Hook is a EC413 3/0. The fly is about 7 inches long. The two nickel Clouser eyes are ~~1/32~~ ~5/32oz. and the thread is 6/0 thread (small thread helps prevent bulk).

I used craft fur on this one but you can also use cross cut bunny strip or even marabou. Be sure to use super glue throughout the tying process.



Step 1: tying in the eyes the "wrong" way



Step 2: tying in the Deceiver hackles and flash tail



Step 3: Tying on a strip of Craft Fur (substitute Bunny Strip or Marabou if you want)



Step 4: Tying in more Craft Fur for second color



Step 5: Tying on bucktail top



Step 6: Tying in crystal flash topping and grizzly hackle flank



Step 7: Finish with STIFF mylar tubing head, molded eyes and epoxy



Note girth of fly and also the hook gape is still wider than your little finger (important)

Here is the same fly tied with regular bunny strip (not cross cut). I was out of cross cut so this shows just how easy the fly is. Again, use Marabou if you want.....doesn't matter. Just be sure to use a "fluid", limp material so that the fly can move. Bucktail etc. is too stiff. Use minimal and limp flash too.

This fly is on a size 1 hook and is perfect as a shad imitation for white bass, schoolie stripers, small mouth etc. Force all the air out of the bunny tail or it will float like a cork and ride hook down.

Again, it's the general principal of keel weighting a 413 with flimsy materials that make this fly do it's little dance.

Good luck!

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