



(GENERIC) EPOXY BAITFISH

A generic pattern useful for creating slim profile baitfish imitations. Very durable when tied using synthetic hair. Effective for Stripers, Bluefish, Spanish Mackerel, Albies, etc.

Material List

Hook - standard saltwater
Thread - mono
Wing - supreme hair (other options - bucktail, craft fur, polar fibre, etc.)
Flash - krystal flash
EZ body tubing or any other flexible, mylar tubing
Stick-on eyes
Epoxy or UV cure product

Tying Steps

Start mono thread 1/8" behind hook eye.

Tie in belly color hair on top of hook.

Tie in krystal flash (if desired) and trim to desired length. Can be trimmed about 1/2" beyond hair to create flash tail effect.

Tie in back color hair.

On underside of the hook, tie in a short length of reddish material to suggest gills. Trim to about 1/2" length.

Whip finish, clip thread, and glue thread wraps.

Cut EZ body tubing to length of hook shank. Cutting one end at 60 degree angle will allow a slight overhang of the tubing on top of the hook.

Slip the tubing over the hook shank. While holding the tubing in position, restart the mono thread about 1/4" behind the hook eye and wrap. The thread wraps will tend to slip forward capturing the end of the tubing. Finish with neat wraps, whip finish, clip thread, and glue.

Add stick-on eyes.

Apply epoxy or UV cure product to the tubing. Applying one coat will result in a scale effect. Applying a second coat will result in a more glassy finish. Eliminate any tackiness by over coating with Sally Hanson, Hard As Hull, or a similar product.