

Isaac English's Variation of Scott Sanchez's Double Bunny

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Tying Directions:

TMC 9395 size 2 hook

Clear .006 monofilament tying thread

Tie 1/30<sup>th</sup> oz. medium nickel plated dumbbell eyes about 1/4<sup>th</sup> inch behind hook eye.

Tie in a length of large copper ultra wire at the hook bend.

Tie a piece of fine white chenille behind the eyes, wrap it down to the hook bend, back up to the starting point and tie it off.

Tie a piece of pearl flat braid behind the eyes, wrap it down to the hook bend, back up to the starting point and tie it off, leaving a length of about one inch remaining.

Glue a 3 inch long (length of rabbit hide) strip of white magnum zonker on the same side as the eyes from just forward of the eyes to the hook bend using Zap Gel. Wetting your fingers and pulling them over the front half of the rabbit fur keeps the hair out of the way during the gluing operation.

Pass the hook through a 3 inch long strip of magnum chinchilla zonker at the appropriate spot, then glue it in place under the hook shank, beginning just forward of the eyes to the hook bend using Zap Gel. Moisten the rabbit hair as described above prior to the gluing operation.

Palmer the copper wire forward through the rabbit strips, avoiding trapping the hair as you go forward. Lightly moistening the rabbit hair prior to this operation helps a great deal. Tie the copper wire off in front of the eyes.

Wrap the pearl flat braid forward around the hook shank and tie it off.

Glue the rear portions of the rabbit strips together using Zap Gel.

Comments: Other color combinations can be used, e.g., olive/gray and natural/white. It is recommended to always place the lighter colored zonker strip on the same side as the eyes so that when the fly inverts in the water due to the weight of the eyes the lighter color is on the bottom, as it is in most baitfish. Dumbbell eyes can be replaced with ¼ inch plastic eyes for a shallower running fly that works well higher in the water column. Place the lighter colored zonker strip under the hook shank when tying the fly using

plastic eyes. This "large fish" version of the fly is approximately 4 inches long (front of hook to tip of tail). You can always tie it smaller.

Species caught: arctic char, largemouth bass, and leopard rainbow trout