

BH Chartreuse Mallard Minnow

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Materials:

TMC 5262 size 8 or size 4 5/32 inch gold tungsten BH (for size 8) or large gold cone head (for size 4) Fluorescent green thread 6/0 0.025 lead wire (for size 8) or 0.030 lead wire (for size 4) Fluorescent chartreuse/pearl sparkle braid Mallard flank feather, natural Fluorescent chartreuse/pearl crystal flash

Tying directions:

Pinch barb on hook.

Slide BH or cone head over hook point up to hook eye.

Wrap shank with lead.

Tie in sparkle braid behind lead wire and wrap over lead wire to about 1/8 inch behind BH or cone head.

Tie in a mallard flank feather on each side of hook shank behind BH or cone head. Use head cement on wraps immediately after tie in to secure the feathers.

Tie in about 6 strands of krystal flash behind BH or cone head.

Whip finish and coat threads with head cement.

Comments: special thanks to Paul Feldman who introduced me to a version of this fly which featured a thread wrapped body and head; I believe this version is more rugged than the thread wrapped version which works just as well but is susceptible to the thread being unraveled by a trout's teeth; fly is attractive to many species; fishes very well when stripped slowly.

Species caught: bluegill, brown trout, golden rainbow trout, hybrid stripped bass, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, rock bass, and yellow perch.