

Andy Sobota's Swimmin' Jimmy

Submitted by Steve Horgan

Hooks: rear, Gamakatsu T10-6H size 2, front Gamakatsu B10S Stinger size 2/0.

Thread: Olive 3/0

Rear Hook: tie olive marabou on top, white marabou under, each about 1.5 times length of hook shank.

Connection to front hook: pass 6 in. of 20 lb fluorocarbon or similar through eye to form loop, thread 5 red beads over loop [used ruby red large hi-lite glass beads (Spirit River)], wrap head of loop securely on front hook shank, finishing *back* of tie down ca. 1/3 of shank up from hook bend, glue tie down with super glue, trim off excess fluorocarbon Flashabou: single strand of pearl saltwater flashabou doubled over and tied off at center of hook shank

Marabou: tie olive marabou on top, white marabou under, each about 1.5 times length of hook shank

Flashabou: cut off to length of marabou

Head: spin white deer body hair under, then olive deer body hair over, or in the fly pictured, spin complete head of white deer body hair, *trim head fairly narrow and at RIGHT ANGLE to hook bend – see picture*, then color top of head with olive Sharpie. Eyes: hologram dome eyes 1/4" yellow held in place with Zap Gel

Comments: make sure head is trimmed at right angle to hook bend for appropriate action; commercial tie, originally tied for large trout, has smaller hooks; fish using sink tip line or full sinking line (e.g., Scientific Anglers Type V) with 4-5 ft. leader; strip, strip, pause in clearer water; keep it moving in colored water; fish in slower moving water in rivers; can vary color of marabou and head; total length of fly about 5 in.

Species Caught: largemouth bass, channel catfish, and hybrid stripped bass