
FLY OF THE MONTH

Bob's Little White Fly "is the secret to success for bass in Southern California."

Bob Slamal - Southern California, Striper and Bass Fishing Guide, Skinner and Diamond Reservoirs.

Notes by Lucky Ketcham, Ontario Fly Show, Feb. 2005.

Hook: TMC 9395, 4X long, streamer hook, size 2 or 4
Thread: White 6/0 or 3/0
Tail: White Marabou, with a few strands of pearl crystal flash
Body: White/pearl Cactus Chenille, medium, no lead underbody or bead head
Wing: White Marabou with sparse pearl crystal flash
Top Wing: Orange or rust crystal flash - 5 or 6 strands. (Sparse)
Eyes: None or painted on red and black or stick holographic 1/8"



The marabou is tied fairly full on this fly, using several plumes of marabou for both the tail and wing. The total lengths of his displayed flies were 2 1/2 to 4 inches long. Tie them in several sizes to match the size of the Threadfin Shad. He uses no weight on his streamers to get more action, and uses a full sink line to get them down deep.

Attach the white thread behind the eye and make a thread base to the bend of the hook. Prepare two white marabou plumes for the tail. Size the tail to be one hook shank length. The long base of the marabou plumes will be used to build some bulk to the body. Trim the front at an angle before attaching. Place the two plumes on top of the hook shank and wrap the thread forward to about 1/8 inch from the eye. Wrap the thread back to the bend. Add two strands of pearl crystal flash on each side of the tail. Attach a 6 inch strand of medium white/pearl Cactus Chenille at the rear of the body. Bring the thread to the front of the hook

and then wrap the chenille forward in touching turns to 1/4 inch behind the eye. Trim excess chenille and make two half hitches. Select two matched white marabou plumes for the wing. Size the wing to just behind the bend of the hook. Trim the butts at an angle before attaching to the hook. The head will not look right if the butts are cut square. Attach the wing at the front of the body with five or six tight wraps of thread. Keep the marabou on top of the hook. Add 3 strands of pearl crystal flash on each the side of the wing. Cover the wing butts with white thread, forming a nice tapered head about 1/2-inch long and filling the hook gap. Bring thread forward to just behind the eye. Attach three 8-inch strands of rust Crystal flash at the middle of the strands on the top of the head and fold back to make 6 four-inch strands for a top wing. It will also color the top of the head. Wrap the thread to the back of the head and forward the hook eye. Whip finish. Flatten the thread head vertically with flat nosed pliers. Attach 1/8-inch stick on eyes to each side. Coat the head with three to four coats of clear head cement.

