

FLY OF THE MONTH

Krabby Patty a surf fly by Kevin Green

Hook: Gamakatsu B10S Stinger hook, size 6
Thread: Brown 3/0
Eyes: Large Bead-Chain - painted black
Tail: Red marabou
Underbody: Spirit River's "Speckled Chenille" in brown
Hackle: Spirit River's "Palmer Chenille Rootbeer"
Head Cement: Sally's Hard as Nails



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Kevin Green is an avid surf fly fisher who haunts the waters of Newport and Laguna Beach. He posts his reports on Fliflicker.com under username Kevin. Thanks to Kevin for giving me permission to share his pattern with San Diego surf anglers.

He uses several variations of the above fly. The intent was to mimic the colors, general size and shape of the little "jetty crabs" in Newport. I thought the perch would go for something like that. When I finished the first tie, I thought it looked like a crab hiding in the kelp patty - not really what I intended.

Nevertheless, it catches fish like a champ - perch, halibut, croaker and corbina so far. The key ingredient is the "Palmer Chenille Rootbeer," which has great movement and fishy eye-catching pearly colors.

This is a simple fly pattern, tie it as you would a beadchain eyed woolly worm, substituting the new "palmer chenille" for the hackle. Stoke the long filaments to the rear of the fly as you palmer wrap to prevent tangles tied down fibers. I think you could substitute a standard salt-water hook but the Gamakatsu is a very sharp hook right out of the package.

Variations and Use:

I do an orange version of the Krabby Patty too. I like the **red in turbulent off-color water**, and the **orange version for clearer water**. The orange version still uses the rootbeer (or brown) palmer chenille, but it uses orange thread, orange marabou tail, and orange "base" chenille (beneath the palmer chenille). For the base chenille, I like something with some flash. The base chenilles I'm using at the moment are "New Age Chenille," in size 2, in "orange crush" and "sparkling

wine." Very sexy! Like the palmer chenille, the New Age Chenille also seems to be supplied by multiple vendors; I have one package from "Cascade Crest Tools" and another from "Riverborn."

You are a detail guy, so I'll give you one last detail. The palmer chenille comes in a wide variety of colors. I've tried olive and orange versions for the Krabby Patty, but they did seem to work as well. That oily iridescent rootbeer color seems to be the magic stuff. Why? I think it's because that color looks a lot like some of the polychaete worms I've seen.



Polychaete Marine Worm

