

Fly of the Month

June

With summer on the way it might be time to check your salt water fly boxes for Sand Crabs. This easy patter is an excellent fly for those of you who enjoy surf fishing.



SAND CRAB

Hook: Mustad 3407 or TMC 8115 in Sizes 2-4-6.
Thread: Gray or Tan.
Case: Gray or Tan plastic grocery bag. Lowes and Home Depot has them. (Free)
Egg Sack: Small Chenille - hot pink or orange.
Body: Medium chenille - Gray or Tan.
Hackle: Grizzle saddle or Tan saddle hackle.

Start by creating a thread base to the bend of the hook.

If weighted, wrap 5 to 10 turns of lead free wire now. (Optional)

Cut a piece of plastic bag 1/2 to 1 inch wide and slightly longer than the hook. Fold lengthwise and trim one end to about a 45 degree point on one end.

Tie in the plastic strip by the pointed end at the bend of the hook. Excess material to the rear of the hook.

Tie on the pink or orange small chenille at the bend of the hook forming a round egg sack

Tie in the hackle by the tip forward of the egg sack.

Tie in the gray or tan chenille in front of the hackle and return the thread to the eye of the hook.

Wrap the chenille back and forth until the body is full and fat and tie off.

Palmer the hackle over the body. Tie off close to the eye but leave room to tie off the plastic material and form a head.

Bring the plastic forward over the egg sack and body forming a case. Pull tight to remove any wrinkles, and tie off.

Form a tapered head of thread and whip finish.

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