

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## Salt Water Bait Fish

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Saltwater Baitfish Fly created by Fly Tyer Davie McPhail

I was searching the Internet looking for another baitfish pattern for tropical saltwater fishing for my upcoming trip to Australia and noticing there were none in the Osprey Fly Box. I went on the internet when I found this fly by Davie McPhail. Better known for his nymphs, buzzers, dries and Atlantic salmon flies Davie McPhail does tie some saltwater flies and this one caught my eye. Davie's version uses supreme hair but having none and having quite a bit of polar bear I substituted in the polar bear hair.



### MATERIALS



#### List of Materials:

- Hook - Standard 2XH Stainless Steel
- Thread - Monofilament
- Tail - White Supreme Hair or Polar Bear
- Body/Tail - Large Pearl Mylar Tubing
- Belly - White Supreme Hair or Polar Bear
- Wing 1 - White Supreme Hair c/w Pearl Flashabou
- Wing 2 - Chartreuse Frosty Fish Fiber c/w Black Flashabou
- Wing 3 - Olive Frosty Fish Fiber
- Head - Stick on Eyes with Epoxy or UV Cure

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Cover hook shank with monofilament tying thread from the hook eye to the midpoint of the shank. Tie in a 3-4" clump of Supreme or Polar Bear hair, making sure to spread the hair all around the hook shank. Whip finish and cut off tying thread.

2. Cut a 3" piece of mylar tubing and using a bodkin or dubbing brush, brush out about 2/3 of the tubing to separate the strands. Slide the tubing over the hook shank so the mylar strands extend almost as far as the tail. Re-attach your tying thread and tie off mylar tubing.



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3. Cut a 2-3' clump of polar bear hair and tie on the underside of the hook just behind the eye, spreading some of the hair to the sides.



4. Tie in a 3" clump of polar bear hair on the top of the hook just behind the eye so it extends almost as far as the tail.



5. Take 8-10 strands of pearl Flashabou and tie in on the top of the hook so that it is the same length as the polar bear hair wing. Split the flashabou extending forward over the eye and tie half on either side of the fly and cut so that it does not extend past the tail.



6. Cut a small clump of chartreuse Frosty Fish Fiber. Pull the strands back and forth to create a slight taper and tie in on top making it the same length as the polar bear wing.



7. Take 3-4 strands of black Flashabou, fold around the tying thread to double them up and tie in on top of the hook. Cut off the Flashabou to match the length of the chartreuse wing.



8. Cut a small clump of olive Frosty Fish Fiber. Again pull the strands back and forth to create a slight taper and tie in on top making it the same length as the previous wings.



9. Whip finish, color the top of the head with an olive coloured permanent marker, place stick on eyes on each side of the head and coat head with epoxy or UV cure.

*Tight Lines & Good Luck!*