Fly Tying Group of Fly Fishers International is dedicated to the preservation, enhancement and support of the art of fly tying as a historic element of the fly fishing experience. Archiving of historic documents, development of educational and instructional materials, teaching, and demonstrations are fundamental to perpetuating the art of fly tying for anglers who fish with the artificial fly. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please join us today.

Please Note: You must be a member of Fly Fishers International to join the Fly Tying Group.

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**Tying Times Editorial**
Chairman – Jerry Coviello, FTG-BOG
October 2019

Another Fly Fishing Expo has come and gone, this was a Expo to remember. I had the opportunity to meet and talk with the new President and CEO Patrick Berry. You can tell he is very energetic and was a Trout Bum in his college days, selling flies for gas and beer. Well we all can't be Trout Bums forever, so now he is leading the world’s leading organization in Fly Fishing. GO FIGURE, and yes I’ve seen his flies and he has talent.

One of the highlights I had was presenting and attending the Leadership Workshop. Here all the Club Chairs came to present what their committee is doing and what direction we should be going. I was able to highlight that without the fly you aren't able to catch a fish, but joking aside, we in the Fly Tying Group are still growing. One take-away from the Leadership Workshop was we need to be more involved with Saltwater Fly Tying, hence “All Fish, All Fish, All IN”. I was so excited to hear this that I immediately started talking to Captain Hugh Smith, a Florida resident and Saltwater Fly Fisher. Hugh will chair the Saltwater Fly Tying Committee and his first task will be to start getting a Saltwater Fly Tying Manual together, so we can add that to the Learning Center for anyone that wants information on how to tie Saltwater flies for the first time.

The rewritten Bronze Fly Tying Skill Award has finally been added to the FFI Website. I apologize for the time it took to get published, but I think the look is very clean and the photos are easy to see the step by step tying instructions. Thank you to Gene Kaczmarek and his committee for getting this done.

The Fly Tying Video Library, headed by Fred DuPre’, is working hard to add more videos to the Library. Right now there are over 500 videos you can search for. The Video Library is easy to find, either under the Fly Tying Tab of the FFI website or the Education Committee Tab under Fly Tying.

Speaking of the Education Committee, I have submitted my first draft of a Beginner Fly Tying Manual. I just got it back and I have a few revision to do. So look forward to seeing a Fly Tying Manual that can be used by Clubs/Councils that are looking to create a fly tying class for their members.

Thank you to Carl Ronk for getting the Fly Tying Group Booth operational and thank you to Chuck Collins and Patty Gnuse for organizing the Rendezvous and helping with the FTG booth at the Expo.

Congratulations to Peggy Brenner for being awarded the Dick Nelson Fly Tying Teaching Award – An award pre-
sent to an individual who excels in teaching the art of fly tying to tiers at all skill levels. Plus thank you for organizing the Fly Tier Demonstrators for the Expo.

Speaking of Fly Tier Demonstrators at the expo, it came to my attention that some members thought that the only way you can be a Demo Tier was you had to have the Bronze, Silver or Gold Fly Tying Skill Award. I would like to set this straight that the Fly Tying Skill Award has nothing to do how you are selected to be a Demo Fly Tier. So if you are looking to be a Demo Tier at the Expo please contact your Council President and tell them you are interested.

Frank Johnson Memorial Fund Raising
Fred DuPre'

Over the last several months we have been collecting money toward a memorial for one of our founding members and leaders, Frank Johnson. For those who do not know Frank, he has held just about every position in FFI and the Fly Tying Group. Frank was a good friend to all of us and donated his time and money to our organization for many decades. So, far we have collected $3,200 from raffles, auctions and private donations toward the $5,000 memorial fund. In order to complete the funding for Frank's Memorial, we need to raise $1,800. Please send your donations to Jessica Antherton at FFI, 5237 US Highway 89 South, Suite 11, Livingston, Montana 59047.

Fly Tying Group announces the 2019 Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award Recipient.

Fly Fishers International Buz Buszek Fly Tying Award is the most prestigious award in the world of fly tying. The award was established as a memorial to Buz Buszek, a well-known fly tier and fly shop owner, an excellent fly tyer and a dedicated teacher. He had a number of patterns to his name and his fly shop specialized in fly tying materials. A Fresno club established an award in his name. Later, led in part by his wife, Virginia Buszek Perry, the Buz Buszek Memorial Award was established at the international level of the FFI. The award came with a one-inch gold feather recognition pin. The Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a fly tier by the FFI.

Today if you did a GOOGLE search on Buz Buszek Fly Tying Award, you would see a few newspapers such as the Los Angeles Times, compare the Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award as the Heisman Trophy of fly tying (https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1994-04-14-vw-46030-story.html)

The names of the Award Recipients is a Who's Who list of Fly Tiers. You can see the winners on the FFI website https://flyfishersinternational.org/Resources/Awards

This year at the FFI Fly Fishing Expo, at the President's Award Dinner, Gretchen Beatty was awarded the Buz Buszek Fly Tying Award. Gretchen has authored numerous fly tying articles even if you aren't a member of the FFI you have come across her articles in Fly Tyer Magazine. I think she would rather tie flies then fish. I am personally glad that I can call Gretchen a friend. Congratulations Gretchen.

FLY TYING GROUP STANDS UP SALTWATER COMMITTEE

The Fly Tying Group is dedicated to the preservation, enhancement and support of the art of fly tying as an historic element of the fly fishing experience. We seek to archive historic documents, develop educational and instructional materials, teach and demonstrate the use of materials and tying techniques in the effort to fundamentally perpetuate the art of fly tying for anglers who fish with the artificial fly. Inputs from the field have led the group to understand tying saltwater flies may not have kept up with the recent growth and interest in saltwater fly fishing. The group desires to move forward with this recent growth. The target is to stand up a saltwater fly tying committee by the first of November,
this year. We envision our increased attention to saltwater fly tying will serve as a small but important catalyst for our overall mission.

Why a new committee to serve saltwater fly tying? 72% of the earth’s surface is water. 97% of that (nearly 70% total) is salt water. Quite a number of the 6-10 million fly fishers in North America enjoy all types of fly fishing and fly tying. The group will aim to enhance our comprehensive fly tying curriculum and the Fly Tying Skills Award program. Fly fishers International represents all aspects of fly fishing—from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats so essential to our sport. Today, our mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. This new committee will continue to integrate more and better saltwater fly tying. This effort is not to establish a standalone new program. The Fly Tying Group believes a wider understanding of fly tying for saltwater leads to and accelerates skill, improves techniques, while enhancing fun and enjoyment of our art.

Tying flies for tarpon, billfish, snook, permit, redfish and bonefish is just another facet of the fly tying art, which obviously includes cold and warm water tying for salmon, trout and steelhead, bass and panfish and many others. Tying the salmon fly sent into a pool with a 12 foot spey rod somewhere in Scotland may indeed be historic, maybe even iconic. But salmon fly tying holds no greater or lesser importance than tying the fly that snookered a four pound smallmouth or tying the fly that sailed beneath the rhododendron with a seven foot two weight seeking native brook trout in North America. No denying there are many more fly fishers that enjoy tying flies for cold water, but THE NUMBER OF FLY FISHERS ENJOYING SALTWATER VENUES CONTINUES TO RAPIDLY INCREASE worldwide. With that in mind the Fly Tying Group is moving to include more attention to a vast number of saltwater flies, and techniques, procedures and materials for tying them. We expect this will broaden the scope for all who tie flies for the salt and for those who might wish to start. So off we go seeking proactive more than reactive growth of the art. We can at least hope.

**Fly Fishers International**

**The Art of Fly Tying**

Selected Flies from the Demonstration Fly Tiers

2018 Fly Fishing Fair, Boise, Idaho

This year’s fly plate brought us something very special! It contained three fully dressed Salmon flies, Spey Flies, Steelhead Flies, Dry Flies, Wet Flies, Nymphs, Terrestrials and Salt Water Flies. All the different categories one learns when tying flies. All Fish, All Waters, All In

This Plate contains Award Winning Tiers and Non-award Winners who will fill those spots in our Tying future, all accomplished tiers in their own right. It contains award recipients for: **Lapis Lazuli**, Buz Buszek, Darwin Atkin, Legend of Fly Fishing, Dick Nelson, Lew Jewett award, Federator of the Year, Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

A special thank you goes to **Steve Jensen** for all the years of hard work putting together these Fly Plates and his donations to the FFI Fly Tying Group.

This Fly Plate represents what we all do, whether it is for commercial or pleasure, the Feathers and Thread, tie us all together!

Keith and Hillary Burkhart, Thank you, your bid and contribution to the Fly Tying Group insures that we are able to teach the future generations of Fly Tiers. 🐟
The Fly Tying Group’s first Fly Tying Challenge that was announced back in January 2019 and sponsored by Fly Tyer Magazine ended with the flies being judged at the FFI Fly Fishing Expo on July 22 by judges; Buz Buszek Award Recipients, Al and Gretchen Beatty and Editor of Fly Tyer Magazine, Dave Klausmeyer. Fly Tyer Magazine supplied the 1st place overall fly tying winner a 3 Nights/2 Days with the Land of Enchantment Guides at the Quinlan Ranch in New Mexico.

Fly Tiers that entered the Challenge had to tie from a required pattern list, while the overall category tier had to tie all 4 patterns there were individual categories where the Fly Tier only had to tie that one fly in the category.

The 4 categories and patterns were: Dry Fly – Royal Stimulator, Wet Fly – Catskill Wet, Nymph/Crustacean – Amber Fishing Post Stonerfly Nymph and a Streamer – Lefty’s Deceiver. Look for next year’s Fly Tying Challenge to begin in January, check the FFI website for more details (www.flyfishersinternational.org/Tying/Fly-Tying-Challenge) and also Fly Tying Magazine’s Winter Issue.

2019 winners:

OVERALL
1st Place - Kyler Ries, Woodinville, WA
2nd Place - Andrew Thatcher, San Antonio, TX
3rd Place - Aaron Culley, Chetlum, WA

Dry Fly
1st Place - Greg Liney, Chum Creek, Victoria, Australia
2nd Place - Bill Hammons, Carson City, NV
3rd Place - Marc Baker, Williamsport, PA

Wet Fly
1st Place - Greg Liney, Chum Creek, Victoria, Australia
2nd Place - Nicole March, Highland Lakes, NJ
3rd Place - Marc Baker, Williamsport, PA

Nymph/Crustacean
1st Place - Marc Baker, Williamsport, PA
2nd Place - William Hughes, Riverton, WY
3rd Place - Steven Arenholz, Brighton, CO

Streamer
1st Place - Marc Baker, Williamsport, PA
2nd Place - William Hughes, Riverton, WY
3rd Place - Steven Arenholz, Brighton, CO

OVERALL Category 1st Place – Kyler Ries of Woodinville WA
Dry Fly Category
1st Place Winner Greg Liney of Chum Creek, Victoria, Australia

Streamers Category
1st Place Winner Marc Baker of Williamsport PA

Wet Fly Category
1st Place Winner Greg Liney of Chum Creek, Victoria, Australia

Mickey Finn Deceiver
Tom H. Logan
www.northfloridaflyfishing.com

The Deceiver is a very versatile streamer pattern that is intended to imitate a small bait fish that will be attractive as prey for larger predatory fish. It typically is tied with lighter colors of feathers and buck tail with a little flash, but it can be tied with any combination of colors and in any size from size 8-10 bronze hooks for bream and bass to 2/0 stainless steel hooks and larger for saltwater species. The Mickey Finn Deceiver, though, is tied on size 8 or 10 standard wet hooks in colors of orange-dyed badger hackles and yellow bucktail, more in the traditional colors of the historic Mickey Finn wet pattern of the Northeast US.
Materials:

**Hook:** Daiichi 1550, Size 8 - 10

**Thread:** Black Danville's Fly-Master Waxed, 6/0 or 3/0

**Wing:** Two Whiting Farms Orange-dyed Badger Freshwater Streamer Rooster Hackles, one strand of Crystal Flash Doubled 3 Times, Yellow Buck Tail

**Head:** Black Thread/1/8” Hologram Eyes

**Tie the Mickey Finn Deceiver as Follows:**

**Step 1.** Bend the barb down as the hook is placed in the vise and start the thread directly behind the hook eye. Wrap the thread towards rear in side by side or touching wraps, counter spinning the thread to flatten. Wrap thread to approximately 3 eye widths behind the eye and leave thread hanging. This becomes the tie-in point for all materials and is where the back of the head begins.

**Step 2.** Select two hackle feathers and hold them in fingers of left hand with tips matching and bottom to bottom. Remove barbs from both sides of both feather shafts while holding the matched feather tips by left fingers. Leave barbs on the hackles at a length that is approximately twice the length of the hook shank (eye to hook bend). Hold paired feathers between left fingers at the point where the barbs remain and others have been removed. Tips should be even and the two hackle feathers should be bottom to bottom. The point just in front of where the barbs begin becomes the tie-in point for the hackles. Hold the paired hackles between the left thumb and middle finger with hackles horizontal to hook shank and barbs vertical. Place the paired hackles on top of the hook shank with the tie-in point of the hackles on top of where the thread is hanging. Make one soft thread wrap over the hackle shafts and pull upward to tighten slightly and make two more wraps forward and touching in the same manner. Note that the first soft thread wrap must be one thread wrap forward of rear-most wrap on shank for hackles to set properly. Leave the thread hanging and release hold on the hackles to see if they lay horizontal and with barbs vertical. The hackles may be adjusted for position by holding them by the feather tips and ends of the bare shafts and changing their position by shifting the tips and shafts slightly from side to side. Make three more forward and touching thread wraps when satisfied with position, cut remaining stubs of shafts, wrap thread to hook eye and then wrap in touching wraps rearward to original tie-in point. Do not wrap past or behind the original thread wrap.

**Step 3.** Prepare one strand of Crystal Flash by doubling twice and cutting with scissors at loops (4 shorter strands of equal length). Tie strands of Crystal Flash on near side and at mid-point of strands with three forward and touching thread wraps, double strands over to far side and wrap thread rearward in three touching wraps to tie-in point. Crystal Flash ends will extend approximately 2/3 length of hackles.

**Step 4.** Cut sparse bunch of yellow buck tail and generally even tips by holding butts in right fingers and grasping the longer tips in fingers of left hand. Pull long tips from bunch and then overlap both bunches to generally even tips. The tips do not need to match perfectly. Hold bunch in left fingers and cut butts, leaving bunch approximately the length from eye to approximate length of or slightly shorter than hackles. Hold bunch in left fingers on near side of rear tie-in point with butts short of eye, make three forward gentle wraps by pulling thread towards you with each wrap, continue touching thread wraps to eye and then back to tie-in point.

**Step 5.** Cut a second sparse bunch of yellow buck tail, generally even tips as in Step 4, and cut to length as in Step 4. Hold bunch in left fingers at tie-in point on far side and wrap thread forward in touching turns to eye and back to tie-in point as in Step 4.

**Step 6.** Cut sparse bunch of yellow buck tail, even, cut to length and tie in on top as in Step 4.

**Step 7.** Wrap thread in touching turns forward and rearward over the head until all hair butts are covered, build head as desired, finish with wraps to back of head, whip finish forward and cut thread tag with one scissor blade. Hold pliers directly over the head and compress head slightly from side to side to provide flat surface for attachment of eyes. Add eyes and seal/finish head with clear UV Curing Resin.
The Crazy Charlie is considered a bonefish fly that was developed for saltwater fly fishing on Andros Island in 1977 by local bonefish guide Charlie Smith. The original fly was developed to imitate glass minnows. This fly is a staple for bonefish and permit anglers around the globe.

In the Northeast, I have used this fly to imitate the grass shrimp in the bays, and have caught Weakfish (sea trout), Blues and Striped Bass. Use various colors such as Tan, Olive and White for other variants.

**Materials**

- **Hook:** Standard Saltwater Hook (Daiichi 2546) size 2 through 8
- **Thread:** Pink 6/0
- **Eyes:** Bead Chain
- **Underbody:** 4 to 6 strands of Pink Krystal Flash, wrapped over the hook shank
- **Overbody:** Clear vinyl tubing wrapped over the Pink Krystal Flash
- **Wing:** Pink Calf Tail
- **Over Wing:** 4 strands of Pink Krystal Flash
- **Head:** Pink thread coated with head cement or Solarez UV Bone Dry Resin

**Step 1.** Place your hook in the vise, secure the tying thread one eye length behind the eye.

**Step 2.** Tie in the bead chain eyes on top of the hook shank. Tying them at least 1/4 of the shank from the eye of the hook. Tying them on top of the hook shank so the point of the hook rides upside down.

**Step 3.** Tie in the Clear Vinyl Tubing behind the eye and secure it to the shank of the hook. Running it on top of the
shank stopping at the bend of the hook.

Step 4. Behind the eye tie in 4 to 6 strands of Pink Krystal Flash.

Step 5. Wrap the Pink Krystal Flash to the bend and back to cover the hook shank, creating the under body of the fly. Tying it off in front of the eye.

Step 6. Wrap the Clear Vinyl Tubing over the body. This is the over body. Making sure you use touching wraps to cover the shank of the hook. Tying it off in front of the eye.

Step 7. Stack and measure the Pink Calf Tail. The tips are a half gap length past the bend of the hook.

Step 8. To make a nice neat head that is smooth and wedge shape, I cut the butts even. Then place them behind the eye. So when I start my first wrap of tying thread this will make a nice head.
Step 9. As you wrap the thread over the butt ends of the calf tail, have them roll onto the shank behind the eye.

Step 10. Secure the calf tail and form a nice tapered head.

Step 11. Add 4 strands of Pink Krystal Flash to the top of the wing for the over wing.

Step 12. Whip finish and use either head cement on the head or Solarez UV Bone Dry Resin.

Vises
George Leornard Herter

“Strange as it may seem, fine vise building originated in America. Throughout England, France, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland and Belgium, the standard and most popular fly vise was easy to manufacture and fly tying labor was so cheap that efficiency was not required. Consequently, no one bothered to design vises really suitable for the pur-
Pink Billfish Fly
Mike George

The staff at Fly Fishers International wore pink today in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. They are standing in front of a pink billfish fly tied by legendary Mike George of Olathe, KS. Please wear a pink ribbon or clothes to bring attention to this important health issue for women and men alike. Fly Tying Group Facebook posted 10/29/2019.

pose which operated at high efficiency, in fact, some otherwise good, logical English fly men, such as Major J. H. Hale and Mr. Tannatt, thought so little of vises that they never really insisted on using them. Flies tied in the hands with no vise are unavoidably inferior at best, and the time required to make such flies is prohibitive. English firms sometimes let persons think their flies were tied without vises but this is rarely true.” (Excerpt from p.3, Fly Tying, Spining and Tackle Making Manual and Manufacturing Guide, 1969). Mr. D. H. Thompson was the first to make advancements in fly vises.

Billfish flies tied by Mike George. Photo by Larry Murphy from 2018 Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair in Mountain Home, AR.

Vintage English vises that also can be used separated from the base clamp and used as hand vises. Photo credit: Larry Murphy
Fowlers Magic Dragon
Edition: October 2019
Written and Photographed by Jerry Coviello
Created by Andrew Fowler
Tier: Jerry Coviello

Materials
Hook: 2XL Nymph Hook size 6 to 10
Thread: 6/0 Brown
Abdomen: Olive/Brown marabou (Stacked around hook shank and trimmed in a triangle shape)
Legs: Optional Sili Legs
Wingcase: Brown Swiss Straw
Thorax: Olive/Brown Dubbing
Eyes: Medium Mono Dumbbell eyes

Typing Steps
Step 1. Secure the hook in the vise and tie in your thread behind the eye and wrap your thread to the bend of the hook.

Step 2. Cut marabou fibers and tie them on the shank of the hook.

Step 3. Wrap the marabou butt fibers back over the tips as shown.

Step 4. Continue stacking the marabou fibers around the shank of the hook.

Step 5. Fill up three quarters of the hook shank with the marabou fibers.
**Step 6.** Trim the marabou body in the shape of a triangle. Cut the bottom flat. When wet the abdomen will be the shape of the dragonfly nymph abdomen.

**Step 7.** Tie in Medium Black plastic dumbbell eyes. Glue them onto the hook shank.

**Step 8.** Tie in the Swiss Straw wing case and wing pad. You can use turkey tail in place of the Swiss Straw.

**Step 9.** Take the Swiss Straw and fold it over the wing pad. Tie in the first section of the rubber legs on each side of the hook shank.

**Step 10.** Take dubbing fur and wrap the thorax. Then add the second rubber legs behind the eyes and dub over them and cross over the eyes with the dubbing fur. (I am using peacock ice dubbing for the thorax).

**Step 11.** Pull the Swiss Straw wing case over the thorax and secure the Swiss Straw behind the eye. Whip finish and add a drop of head cement or Solarez UV Bone Dry for the head.
Editors Notes: Comments from the editor.
Fly of the Month: Do you know someone who deserves to be featured in the Fly of the Month? If you have a camera and computer, you can write a Fly of the Month article to honor your favorite tier tying their best creation. For details contact the Fly Tying Group at ftg@flyfishersinternational.org.

Please note: The demonstration you are viewing makes no claim, implied or otherwise, that the presenter or demonstrator of the fly pattern was the original creator of the fly.

This is the guest tier’s version of this fly and it may differ from the creator’s or other versions and variations.

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Fresh Water Crease Flies and Foam Poppers
By Jerry Coviello
FFI Fly Tying Group Chairperson

The Crease Fly was developed by Joe Blados, sort of like a popper but not. It has a thin baitfish look, floats on the water and you can pop it on the surface. I originally was tying Crease Flies for Saltwater species, such as Stripers and Bluefish, using a saltwater hook in sizes 2 up to 3/0. Then one day I was out fishing for panfish and bass on a local stream using balsam wood poppers. The it came to me on why not just make mine out of foam.

I don't know if the word “tying” should be used when creating Crease Flies or Foam Poppers but there is a tying part with these flies. Also with the new UV resins such as Solarez, makes foam flies is almost indestructible, and they still float and give a fish slime look.

I find it very exciting fishing these type of flies for bass and panfish, especially the visual of one of them hitting the fly on the surface. The big splash, and make sure you pause and don’t set the hook like you are setting a hook for a trout.

Materials List: Crease Fly
Hook: Popper Size 4
Thread: 3/0 White
Tail: EP Grey Fibers
Body: 2mm white foam

Color body with markers and coat with Thick Solarez UV Resin mixed with Fine Glitter

First step is to secure you hook in your fly tying vise. I am using a size 2 popper hook for my freshwater crease fly. You could use a bass stinger hook too.

Add color to imitate any type of bait fish. To make the body I found a small company in Stevensville Montana called River Road Creations, owner Tony Tomsu, who makes Wing and Foam Body Cutters. His website is www.riverroadcreations.com. I purchased the Crease Fly cutters in sizes from 3/0 to size 4. They come in a nice holder and the blade is sharp, also made in the USA.
Secure you tying thread to the rear portion of the hook. Any thread color you want to use is fine. You will not see the wraps under the foam body. Thread size can be anywhere from 3/0 to 6/0. Bring your thread to the bend of the hook. Where the tail will be secured.

Tie in your tail at the bend of the hook. I made the tail to be the shank length of the hook. I am using Grey EP Fibers for this fly. You can use Super Hair or even bucktail.

Next raise the tail and wrap the tail like a parachute post. When you see how the body is attached, you will see why this step is done. This is because the belly of the foam body is secured on the shank of the hook, so the tail needs to be higher than the hook shank. Once you have completed the tail section, Whip finish and cut the thread. The tying portions of making the Crease Fly is over.

Using the 4/0 River Road Cutter, cut a few bodies from 2mm white foam. Make sure you use the cutting pad under the foam when you cut the bodies. You don’t want to cut into you table or dull the blade of the cutter.

Here is where you need to be careful. I am working with Loctite Super Glue, and you do not want to glue your fingers to the foam body or get the glue on your vise.

I turn the fly upside down, and try to align it the best I can with the hook shank. The Super Glue dries in seconds. I put the eyes on next because they will stick to the foam when it is without any color marker on the body.
I am using 4mm Ice Living Eyes for this fly also make sure the opposite side matches.

With a dark grey marker such as Pantone. Color the back of the fly with the dark grey color to match a bait fish.

Next use a fine red marker to draw in gills and the mouth.

Finish the coloring with a lighter grey for the body and add a few dots to give is some kind of life like look

So now the coloring part is done.

I took artist’s mixing tray and poured a small amount of UV Thick Solarez resin into the cup. Then I took a pinch of Extra Fine Glitter from Creatology that I purchased at a hobby store. Not only did I find silver, I found pearl and even glow-in the dark.

I mixed the glitter and the Solarez using a wooden toothpick.

Now apply the Solarez/Glitter mixture using a hobby paint brush. Keep it nice a smooth.

Using a Solarez UV Cure Flashlight, cure the UV Resin. This happens in seconds. This is the reason I started tying epoxy type flies because I didn't want to wait 5 mins and have a rotating drying rack on my tying bench.
The completed Crease Fly for freshwater.

Dare Devil Crease Fly with Glitter Solarez

You can experiment with many different colors and sizes.

**Foam Cylinder Poppers**

Another foam fly I started tying is a foam popper, I got the idea when I saw a few of Bob’s Bangers. I like going out to the local stream and fish for a couple of hours with a popper to catch bluegills. So as a fly tyer I find catching fish with the flies that I tie more gratifying. Here is a quick way to create a few foam poppers.

**Materials List: Foam Cylinder Popper**

- **Hook:** Popper Hook Size 2
- **Thread:** White 3/0
- **Tail:** 6 Hackles 4 Grizzly dyed yellow and 2 Grizzly
- **Body:** 1/4 to 1/2 inch foam cylinder Coat with Thick UV Solarez

I am using a size 2 popper hook. Securing the thread to the rear half of the hook and bring it to the bend of the hook.
Tie in 6 hackles, separate them into 2 pairs and tie them at the bend of the hook so they splay outwards like frog legs. I am using 4 grizzly dyed yellow and 2 grizzly hackles.

Add a yellow/grizzle hackle next.

Almost looks like a tarpon fly. Now whipfinish the fly. The tying part is complete.

I folded a grizzle hackle to form a collar at the rear.

Use one or two hackles for this collar.

Cut a slice in a foam cylinder. I am using a 1/2 inch diameter for this fly. I have used 1/4 inch diameter too.
With a razor blade cut the foam flush with the hook shank.

Add a 4mm Ice Living Eye on both sides. Color the foam with Olive and Yellow stripes. Then the front color with a red marker for the mouth.

Paint the foam with UV Thick Solarez Resin. Hit it with the UV Flashlight.

Finished Near Enuff Popper A bass and bluegill favorite, the Black N Yellow

Cut the front of the foam cylinder on a slant and now you have a slider

An accomplished fly tier, Jerry Coviello serves as Fly Fishers International Fly Tying Group Chairperson, and the Fly Tying Column Editor for FlyFisher Magazine. He has
written articles for Fly Fisher, Southern Trout, and Fly Tyer Magazine. He also serves on the FFI Education Committee developing Fly Tying Workshops to help members learn how to tie flies. Created a YouTube Channel “Jerry’s Fly Tying Tips” that has over 70 fly tying videos to teach how to tie flies.

Pro Team member for the following:
- Dyna-King Vises
- Solarez UV Resin
- Ewing Feathers

FlyFisher Magazine Articles

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Jerry also teaches workshops at the FFI Fly Fishing Fair and is considered one of Fly Fishers International top fly tying instructors.

Demonstration fly tier at the FFI Fly Fishing Expo, Lefty Kreh’s Tie Fest, and the International Fly Tying Symposium.
Calendar of Events

November 2019

November 9, 2019  FFI Florida Council Annual Meeting - members of Florida Council are invited to meet at The Plantation Inn in Crystal River, FL. Click here for more information.

December 2019

December 7, 2019  Great Lakes Fly Fishing Show presented by FFI Great Lakes Council at the Deltaplex in Grand Rapids, MI. Join us for presentations, vendors, and fly tiers. Beginners area to learn to tie a fly, cast a rod, and general answers to the many questions of those new to our sport. 50/50 raffle and raffle items rumored to include a float trip, Renzetti vice, art, and a fly rod! Click here for more information.

January 2020

January 3-5, 2020  Join FFI and the Eastern Rocky Mountain Council along with regional clubs at the Fly Fishing Show at The Denver Mart in Denver, CO. Visit the Fly Fishing Show website for more information.

January 10 - 11, 2020  The Boise Valley Fly Fishers are pleased to announce the 16th Annual Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo (WIFFE) at Expo Idaho in Garden City, ID, with two indoor casting ponds, single handed casting and of two handed Spey casting. This two day show has over 80 exhibitors and numerous educational programs. Visit BVFFExpo.com for more info.

January 17 - 19, 2020  Join FFI and the North Eastern Council along with regional clubs at the the Fly Fishing Show at the Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center in Marlborough, MA. Visit the Fly Fishing Show website for more information.

January 24 - 26, 2020  Join FFI and the Eastern Waters Council along with regional clubs at the Fly Fishing Show at New Jersey Convention & Expo Center in Edison, NJ. Visit the Fly Fishing Show website for more information.

January 31 - February 1, 2020  Join FFI and the Southern Council along with regional clubs at the Fly Fishing Show in Atlanta, GA at the Infinite Energy Center. Visit the Fly Fishing Show website for more information.

February 2020

February 1, 2020  Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show sponsored by the Buckeye United Fly Fishers at The Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, OH from 9am-4pm. Visit www.buckeyeflyfishers.com for more information.

February 15 & 16, 2020  Join FFI and the Washington State Council along with regional clubs at the Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood, WA at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Visit the Fly Fishing Show website for more information.

February 21 - 23, 2020  Join FFI and the Northern California Council along with regional clubs at the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton, CA at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Visit the Fly Fishing Show website for more information.

March 2020

March 7 & 8, 2020  Join FFI along with the Chesapeake Council and regional clubs at the Fly Fishing Show in Lancaster, PA at the Lancaster County Convention Center. Visit the Fly Fishing Show website for more information.
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Each issue also contains articles that include planning and teaching tying workshops, helpful tying techniques and descriptions of tying materials and their unique characteristics that make them especially suitable for specific tying applications.

It is intended that members may learn something new from each issue that will help them expand their fly tying skills and thus contribute to our mission, which generally is to preserve the art form of fly tying for all fly fishers.

If you are not a member and would like to receive the benefit of *Tying Times*, please join the Federation by using the following URL: [http://flyfishersinternational.org/Membership/MembershipOverview/tabid/779/Default.aspx](http://flyfishersinternational.org/Membership/MembershipOverview/tabid/779/Default.aspx).

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