

## Dubbing Baitfish

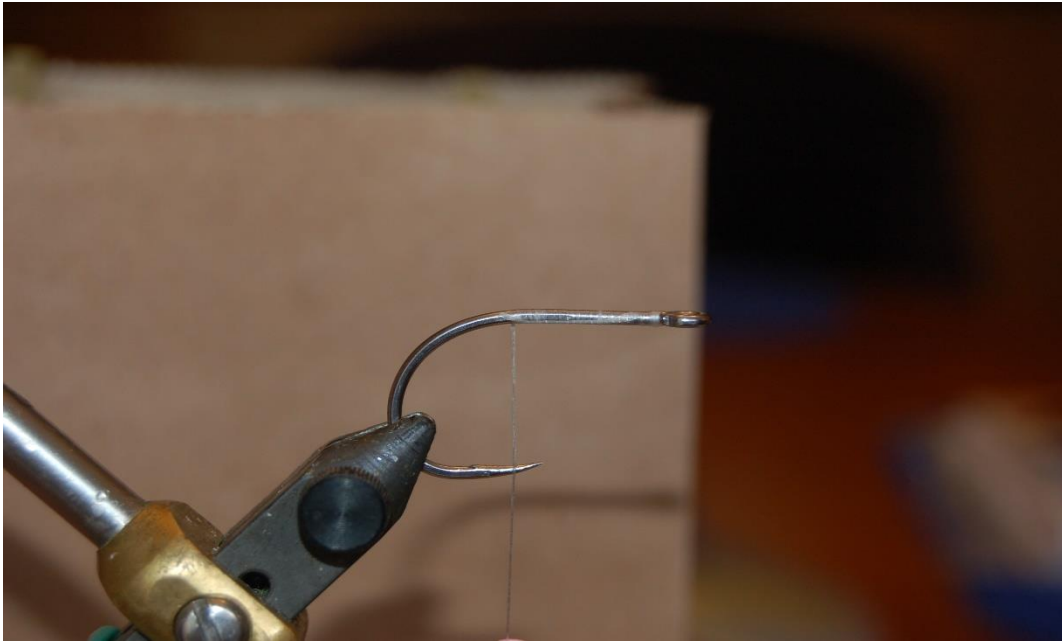
### Material List

- Ahrex 280 Minnow Hook, 1/0
- Congo Hair, White or Polar Bear
- Krystal Flash, Pearl
- Letera Magnum Dubbing, Pearl, Alewife, Minnow
- Hareline Holographic Eyes, Super Pearl, 1/4"
- Thread, Danville, White, 3/0



## Fly Tying Procedure

1. Place hook in vise and tie the thread from hook eye back to slightly beyond the hook point.



2. Select a small bundle of Congo hair and cut it to about 4 inches long. Taper the bundle by pulling out the hair slightly at one end.



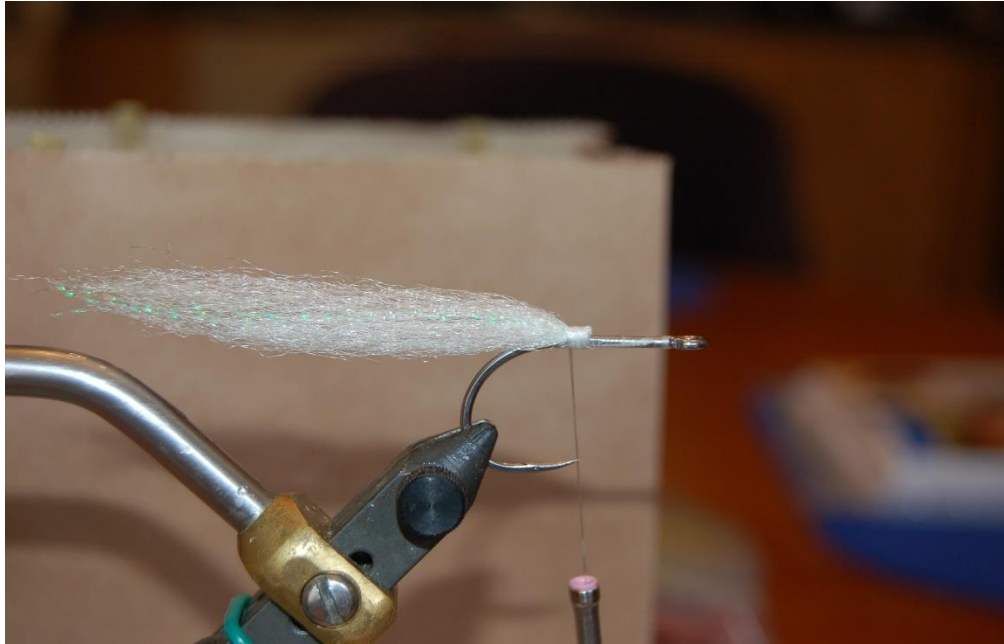
3. Tie in the Congo hair bundle at the 60/40 point. 40% toward the rear of the hook and 60% toward the eye of the hook.



4. Tie in two strands of pearl krystal flash at the top of the Congo hair.



5. Fold the Congo hair that is toward the eye of the hook back over to the rear of the hook and tie down.



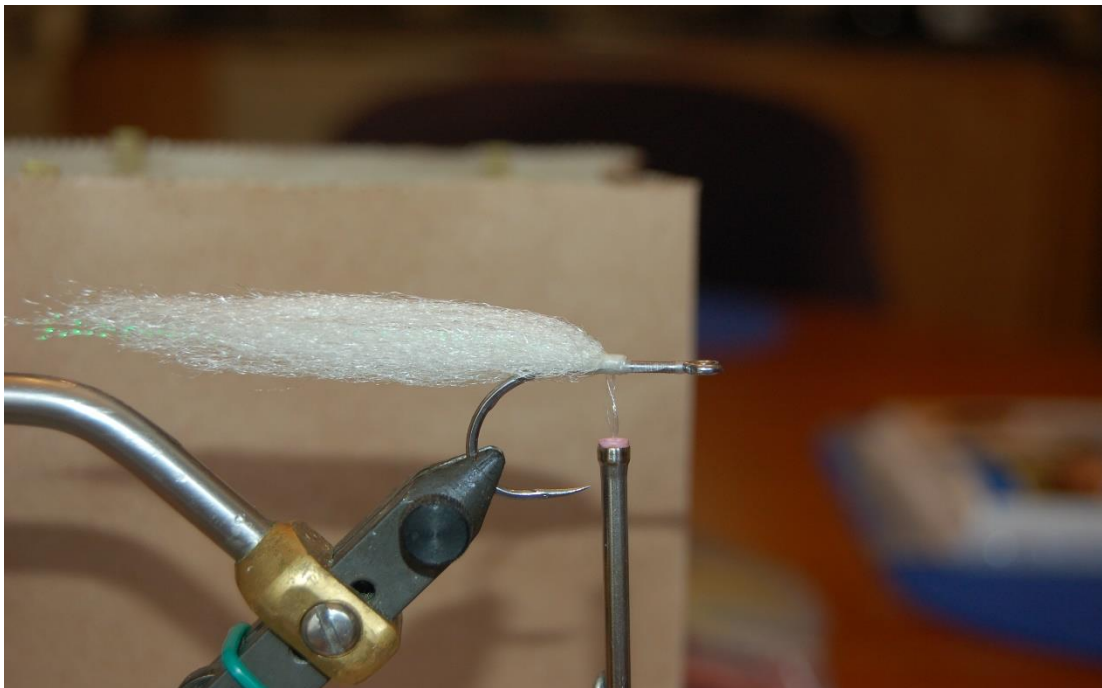
6. Cut another bundle of Congo hair slightly shorter than the first piece and tie it in at the 50-50 point immediately in front of the installed Congo hair.



7. Separate the front portion of the Congo hair into two equal parts.



8. Sweep the two Congo hair bundles down under the hook and tie in. This forms the support and shape for the dubbing minnow body.



9. Tie in two strands of pearl krystal flash on each side of the Congo hair.



10. Remove the pearl dubbing from its envelope. It looks like a blob of dubbing!



11. Hold the dubbing in your left hand and with the thumb and forefinger of your right hand pull off a small piece of the dubbing.



12. Hold the dubbing piece in your left hand and with the thumb and forefinger of your right hand pull on the dubbing until a piece breaks free and layer that piece to the middle of the piece you're holding in your left hand. Continue this process until you have the length required which is about 4". Remove a second piece of dubbing from the blob and perform the same process as done for the first piece. This is what you should end up with.



13. Tie the two pieces of dubbing in an 'X' wrap style. One on top of the hook and one under the hook immediately in front of the previous material tied in. The 'X' wrap is made by tying the pieces 45 degrees to the hook shank as shown in the photo.



14. Fold the top piece back on top and fold the bottom piece back underneath the hook and tie in.





15. For the next X wrap, the top piece will be the alewife color dubbing and the bottom piece will be pearl. After layering each piece twice, cut about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch off of each end and then continue layering until you have two pieces like this.



16. Continue the X wrap with the shortened alewife and pearl pieces until you reach about a  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch from the eye of the hook. For the last X wrap use a long piece of the minnow-colored dubbing at the top along with a short pearl piece at the bottom. Fold these back like the previous wraps.



**17. Using liquid super glue, attach ¼ inch 3-D holographic eyes to each side.**



**18. Brush or comb the fibers to blend everything together and slightly dampen to obtain the desired baitfish profile.**



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