

## SVTU Fly Tying

Streamers: Clouser minnow and shad dart

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### Clouser minnow

#### Materials

**Hook:** #8 4X streamer hook

**Thread:** white

**Weight:** dumbbell eyes, ¼" or 4 mm

**Body:** white bucktail and chartreuse, pink, yellow, or orange bucktail

Two strands of flash material

Clear nail polish or head cement

#### Steps:

1. Flatten barb, then place hook in vise.
2. Start thread behind hook eye, then wrap back to hook bend, then forward to point midway between hook tip and eye
3. Place dumbbell eyes on top of hook and secure by wrapping in an X pattern, circular wraps around hook behind and in front of eyes, and circular wraps around base of eyes, followed by more figure 8 wraps around eyes. Eyes should be secure on hook. Finish wraps with thread between dumbbell eyes and hook eye.
4. Cut a ¼" thick bunch of white bucktail. The bucktail should be about twice the length of the hook, but you can trim it when the fly is finished if desired. Holding the bunch securely in one hand, remove excess fibers at the cut end. Switch hands holding the bunch and remove any loose fibers at the other end.
5. Holding the bucktail in left hand, place the cut end above the thread between the front of the dumbbell eyes and the hook eye. Secure the bucktail to the hook with a series of tight wraps, then do a series of wraps around the bucktail behind the dumbbell eyes. Do a spiral wrap of thread around the bucktail to the bend of the hook, then spiral wrap forward to the dumbbell eyes.
6. Take two strands of flash material and bend them in half around the thread hanging below the hook. Lift the bobbin and secure the flash material with wraps in front of the dumbbell eyes. Once secured, divide the flash material so there are a couple of strands on either side of the fly body.
7. Cut a ¼" bunch of colored bucktail and prepare in the same way as with the white bucktail, removing loose fibers.
8. Remove the hook from the vise, turn it so the hook point is up and place the hook in the vise. If using a rotary vise, simply rotate the fly so the hook point is up.
9. Holding the colored bucktail in your left hand, place the cut end between the front of the dumbbell eyes and the hook eye. Secure the colored bucktail to the hook with a series of thread wraps in front of the dumbbell eyes, then form a cone tapering from the front of the dumbbell eyes toward the hook eye with more wraps by the dumbbell eyes and fewer wraps near the hook eye. Do not crowd the hook eye with wraps.
10. Secure the wraps with a 4 or 5 turn whip finish and trim off the thread.
11. If necessary, trim the strands of flash material so they are slightly longer than the bucktail.
12. Finish the fly by coating the wraps around the dumbbell eyes and the conical wraps with clear nail polish or head cement.

# Shad dart

## Materials

**Hook:** #8 4X streamer hook

**Thread:** white

**Weight:** ¼" or 4 mm. dumbbell eyes and non-lead wire

**Tail:** white, chartreuse, pink, orange, red, or yellow bucktail or flash material

**Body:** Chenille, small or medium, pink, chartreuse, yellow, orange or any bright color

Clear nail polish or head cement

## Steps:

1. Flatten the hook barb and place hook in vise.
2. Start the thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to the bend of the hook, then forward to a point on the shank midway between the hook point and the hook eye.
3. Place dumbbell eyes on top of hook and secure by wrapping in an X pattern, circular wraps around hook behind and in front of eyes, and circular wraps around base of eyes, followed by more figure 8 wraps around eyes. Eyes should be secure on hook. Finish wraps with thread behind the dumbbell eyes, then wrap back along the shank to a point above the hook point.
4. Cut a small bunch of bucktail about 1" long for the tail. Alternatively, cut several strands of flash material about 1" long for the tail. Secure the tail with several wraps just in front of the hook bend.
5. Cut a 4" length of chenille. Secure one end to the hook shank with several thread wraps.
6. Wrap non-lead wire along the shank, about 8 turns, behind the dumbbell eyes. Twist or clip excess wire or add wraps.
7. Wrap thread in a spiral forward across wire, then in a spiral backward across the wire, then forward again in a spiral across the wire to secure it in place. Wrap thread forward ending in front of the dumbbell eyes.
8. Wrap the chenille forward and over the wire wraps. Wrap the chenille around the dumbbell eyes in a figure 8 and with a couple of circular wraps in front of the dumbbell eyes. Secure the chenille with several thread wraps. Trim off the loose end of the chenille.
9. Make a conical head with thread wraps tapering from the front of the dumbbell eyes toward the hook eye. Use more wraps closer to the dumbbell eyes and fewer wraps toward the hook eye to make a conical taper. Don't crowd the hook eye. Secure the thread with a 4 or 5 turn whip finish. Trim off the thread.
10. Finish the fly by applying clear nail polish or head cement to the conical head and the dumbbell eyes.