

## CHERYL'S BRACKISH WATER SHRIMP

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This shrimp pattern has been one of the most requested fly patterns of any I tie. It has been demonstrated at national fly tying shows and conclaves, and even at the New Orleans Jazz Fest. It has been the most productive "Spec" fly in my box, however it also does a respectable job on red fish. I've fished it under all conditions, rain or shine, bright or dark days. The primary factor used to determine when to use it would be – if you see shrimp in the water use it. It will work. I generally tie the pattern in one size only, and generally along the same color scheme as reflected in the recipe. The ideal outfit to fish this pattern is a 9' 8 weight, with a medium to fast action; the leader should be as long as you can cast, at least 9', tapered to .012. I use a loop knot to connect the fly to the leader. The best fishing method is to use short quick strips, pause, the repeat. Strikes usually come at the pause. Step by step tying instructions and samples of each step are on display at Bayou Specialties. The original recipe follows. If you need help with the instructions please call me at 504-451-9235.

Hook - Mustad 34007 size 1/0

Thread – fine clear mono thread

Remaining elements are in order of tying, front to rear of tail

Mixed color Flashabou

Ostrich Plume (4 -5 fibers)

Pink Supreme Hair

Cheliped -Grizzly hackle tips, striped

Eyes – silk flower stamens painted black and varnished

Antennae – black horse tail

Legs under body six turns of "webby" emu feather

Upper carapace and abdomen – thin line of G. E. silicone glue

Rostrum point, carapace and abdomen shell back – clear Swiss straw; start wrap at tail segments and make

Turns, ending at the eye of the hook. Extend Swiss straw over eye of hook and form tail as shown.

Coat Swiss straw with a thin varnish or lacquer.

