

Thunder Creek Minnow



Recipe

Hook..... 4XL-6XL Streamer, size 2-10

Thread White 6/0

Body..... White bucktail for belly, and black or color of your choice for top, & Krystal Flash

Note: Wetting the bucktail helps to keep it manageable.

Weight..... Optional

Head.....Cement /UV, Eyes

1. Tie on the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back $\frac{1}{4}$ the hook shank. If using weight, wrap in at the $\frac{1}{4}$ section of the hook shank over the thread and tie in with thread wraps.
2. Tie on 6 strands of flash about $\frac{1}{3}$ the way down the hook shank. Trim a short distance behind the hook bend. Advance the thread back to the $\frac{1}{3}$ point.
3. Cut a small batch of black bucktail, even up the tips and tie in on top of the flash material. The tips should be even with the end of the flash material behind the hook bend. Tie in the bucktail with a couple wraps and trim the butt ends at an angle and cover with thread wraps.
4. Cut a small batch of brown bucktail, even the tips and tie in at the $\frac{1}{3}$ point with the butt ends on top of the hook with a couple wraps of thread with the ends pointing out over the hook eye. Bend the bucktail back to the hook bend and measure so the ends of the bucktail are slightly longer than the flash material. If not, adjust the bucktail and tie in with the tips pointing out over the hook eye.
5. Rotate the hook in the vise. Cut a small batch of white bucktail, even the tips and tie in the butt ends on bottom of the hook at the same place as the brown bucktail with the ends pointing out over the hook eye with the tips the same length as the brown bucktail. Rotate the hook back to normal.

6. Cut a small batch of black bucktail, even the tips and tie in the butt ends on each side of the hook with the ends pointing out over the hook eye with the tips the same length as the brown and white bucktail
7. Advance your thread to the $\frac{1}{4}$ point and let hang. Wet your fingers and fold the brown bucktail back over the top toward the hook bend and tie in with a few wraps of thread. Rotate the hook in the vise and fold the white bucktail back and tie in. Rotate hook back to normal. Fold the black bucktail back on each side and tie in with thread wraps. Whip finish.
8. Using a Sharpie, color the thread on the bottom red. Apply head cement to the head of the fly and let dry. Apply pre-made eyes to the fly and apply UV or use white and black paint to paint eyes on each side of the head of the fly.

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