

Shad Dazzler



Hook: Daiichi 2546 #6, Ahrex NS118 #8, Saber 7031 #6

Weight: Medium painted lead eye, white

Tail: Hedron Mirage Flash, opal

Body: Hareline Krystal Flash Chenille

Thread: 140 denier, white

Body color options:

Chartreuse, orange, pink, pearl, red, yellow, black (sub red flash for tail), purple (sub purple flash for tail)

Notes:

- Any short shank, stout hook will work. I strongly prefer #6 hooks, but size down to #8 for the NS118 to keep the shank length shorter.
- The medium lead eyes make it heavy for rods lighter than a 6wt.
- Given the fly's flashy nature, it is best used in dirtier streams as shad in more clear streams have a tendency to dislike too much flash.
- Keep the tail short! This is a rule for all flies for shad.
- Use whatever flash you prefer for the tail. Krystal flash works great.

Red Screamer



Hook: Mustad 9672 or Mustad R74AP #6 or #8

Thread: 140 denier, black

Body: Silver tinsel

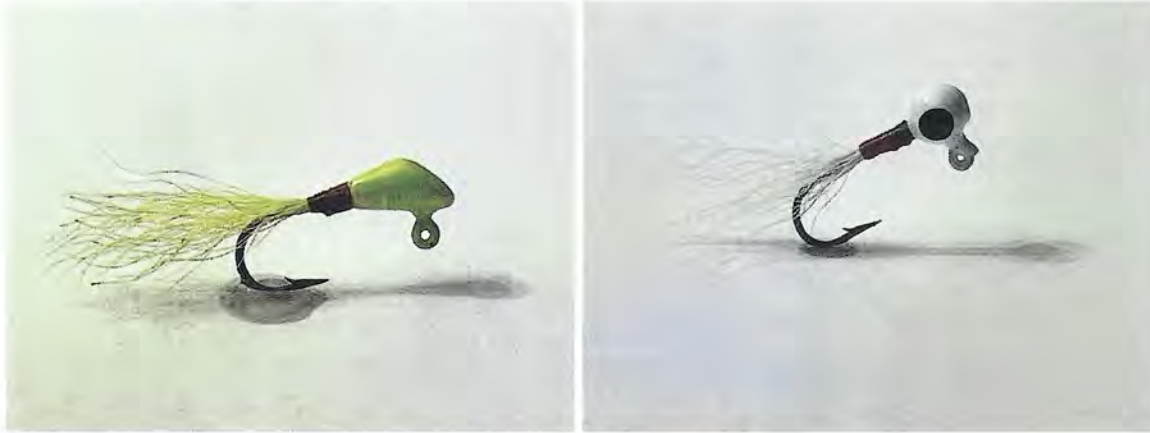
Wing: Yellow marabou topped with red marabou

Eyes: Sally Hansen nail polish, white with black pupil

Notes:

- This pattern, or others similar also in red, is a popular choice on Deer Creek
- I tie this on a Mustad R73XAP (3xl) because it's what I have
- Sub any 4xl hook you like
- Add lead wire wraps if some weight is desired
 - Pro tip: color code your thread heads for unweighted vs weighted flies!

Shad Dart - Hair Jig



Hook: Eagle Claw 570, Mustad 32746, Mustad 32500

Thread: 140 denier, red

Head: Lead

Tail: Calf tail / krystal flash / bucktail

Eyes: Sally Hansen nail polish, white with black pupil

Head paint option 1: Epoxy powder paint (Pro-tec, Barlows, etc.)

Head paint option 2: Pro-tec lure and jig paint

Head paint option 3: Sally Hansen's Xtreme nail polish

Other tools:

- Heating tool: candle, heat gun, toaster oven
- Pliers
- Lee bottom-pour melting pot
- Jig mold (Do-it, FGF, etc.)
- Lead ingots
- Jig drying rack (styrofoam cup, wire dish rack, fishing line between two nails, etc.)

Notes:

- You can purchase pre-molded jigs on eBay or Wapsi brand jigs from various fly shops
 - eBay store "bojackies" has the best price on round head 1/32, 1/64 oz unpainted jigs (he also sells 1/80 oz)
 - Wapsi sells 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, 1/64, 1/80, and 1/124 oz sizes, and the best price is 100 for \$40 from FishUSA online
 - Wholesale Fly Company (online) has the best price on 1/80 and 1/124 oz round heads at \$13.75 for 100. They also sell them pre-painted for the same price
 - eBay store "masletfish608" sells 100 packs of unpainted shad darts in 1/32 and 1/64 oz
- Jigs in weights of 1/32 oz or less can be comfortably cast on a 4wt, and 1/16 oz on a 6wt