

Howitzer Head Popper

	<p>Materials Needed: Trailer hook: Size 1/0 Articulated Shank Front Hook: Size 3/0 or 4/0 Head: Howitzer Baitfish popper head (Large or Medium) Body Material: UV Polar Chenille, Craft Fur, Electric Ripple Ice Fiber (Optional), Flash (Optional) Wire, bead, and fastach clip</p>
	<p>Hook size and colors may vary. For medium-size heads, I would use a size 1 or 2 rear hooks and a 1/0 or 2/0 front hook. You can also tie them in any color you want. I have listed what was demonstrated and include the Electric Ribble Ice Fiber. You can substitute flash if you want to.</p>
	<p>Put the hook in the vise and make a base layer of thread.</p>
	<p>Tie in a piece of wire. Thread a bead on one end, then a fastach clip. Run the thread back through the bead and attach it to the hook so the bead is at the bend of the hook.</p>
	<p>Tie in a small amount of longer Craft Fur fibers so the tips are pointing to the bak. Tie in a strand of UV Polar Chenille.</p>



Palmer the chenille to the front of the hook. Tie off about two hook eye lengths behind the eye of the hook.



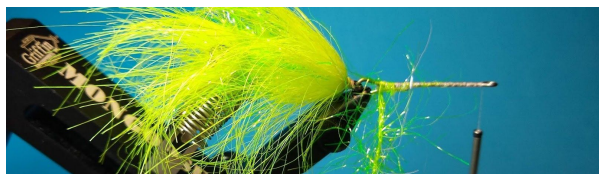
Tie in another bunch of craft fur in the same color that was originally tied in. Reverse tie this bunch so the tips face to the front. Make sure the material covers all around the hook.



Push fibers back and make a thread dam in front to hold the fiber back. Whip finish and put head cement on the thread.



Remove the hook from the vise and attach the articulated shank through the eye of the hook. Place the shank in the vise and secure it with thread. Make sure to secure the shank with thread and cover with super glue.



Tie in another length of Polar Chenille and wrap forward. Tie off two eye length behind the eye.



Reverse tie another bunch of craft fur just like the last one. Ensure the fur goes all around the hook.



Fold fur back and create a thread dam in front of the fur. Whip finish and secure with head cement or super glue.



Remove shank and trailer hook from the vise. Insert the larger hook and put down a layer of thread. Tie in another strand of wire. Run it through the bead and the eye of the shank. Return wire through the bead and tie off on the hook. You can fold the wire over to ensure a strong connection. Secure well with thread wraps and super glue.



Tie in another piece of Polar Chenille, covering $\frac{1}{4}$ of the hook shank.



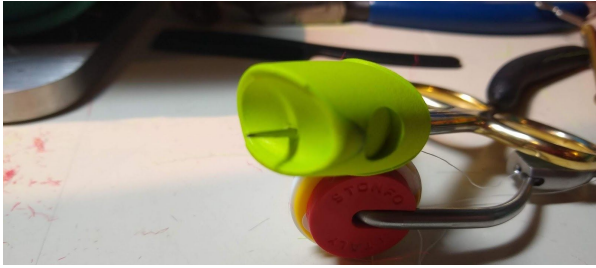
As before, reverse tie in another bunch of craft fur.



Fold back and create a thread dam.



Tie in another piece of Polar Chenille in a different color. Make 4-5 wraps forward, covering $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the hook.



Poke a hole in the popper head. Try to place it in the middle horizontally and about the bottom $\frac{1}{3}$ vertically. A bodkin works to poke the hole, but you can also use a small scissor, like in the picture. You will need to test fit this on the hook and make note of where you need to end tying the materials.



If you want to tie in some flash, this would be a good place to do that.



If you have the Ripple Ice you can tie that in here. Reverse tie in the second color of craft fur.



Fold the craft fur back and whip finish. There is no need to create a thread dam as the foam head will hold the material back.



Test fit the head and make sure the material is tight on the back and the eye of the hook is exposed. Use epoxy to secure the head and let it dry. If you do not have epoxy you can use Go2. I have used some Go2 but used a UV Epoxy to hold the head in place while it dries.

Feel free to try several different color combinations. The heads can be colored with markers.