

# Ft. Worth Fly Fishers

## January 2018 Fly of the Month

### Bream Reaper



Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and you are ready for a 2018 filled with lots of Fly Fishing fun. I know that I am.

The January fly of the month, the "Bream Reaper", comes to us from the creative mind and tying desk of our own Dave Etgen (with lots of suggestions and fishing field testing by Dutch Baughman). This fly has been extensively tested on the local Brazos waters and has caught bluegills, crappie, largemouth bass and other Brazos surprises.

#### **Bream Reaper:**

Hook: Allen Fly Fishing J100BL Jig Hook , size 8-12, tied here on a size 8

Thread: White Veevus 14/0

Tail: White Maribou and Pearl Krystal Flash

Body: Palmered Hareline Pearl Baitfish emulator

Legs: White barred SilliLegs

Step 1) Wrap the hook shank with .020 lead or non lead wire (depending on your PC factor). Cover the wraps of lead/non-lead with thread to create a durable pattern.

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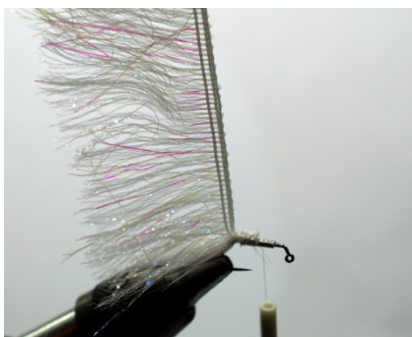
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Step 2) Add a tail consisting of a small clump of white maribou, about a hook shank in length and use one full strand of Pearl Krystal flash (cut it in half 4 times) and tie in above the maribou.



Step 3) Cut a length of Baitfish Emulator (you'll actually use about 1-1.5 inches) long enough to easily control (I'd suggest 3-4 inches) and tie it onto the hook shank just in front of the tail. You may have to trim the length of the Baitfish Emulator material (a about a hook shank in length, maybe slightly longer). Grab the end of Baitfish Emulator with a set of hackle pliers and twist the material so that it becomes tightly corded (see pictures below). If you just palmer the material onto the hook without twisting, it will lay down very flat and become a cone, rather than a full, wispy body, which is what we're looking for.



Step 4) Palmer the Baitfish Emulator up the shank of the hook, stopping just before the jig bend of the hook.

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Step 5) Groom the strands of the body toward the back of the fly using your fingers (watch that hook point). Take a single, full length SilliLegs and cut it in half. Attach the SilliLegs to the underside of the hook Doubling it over to make four legs. I usually invert the hook in the vise (just turn upside down if you have a rotating vise). This is so that the legs will ride on the top since this jig hook will fish with the hook point up. Leave them long as this adds to the movement in the water. Wrap a thread head and add head cement.



Here's the completed Brazos Jig Bugger. You can tie this in a variety of hook sizes and variable amounts of weight to fish different parts of the water column. Dutch fishes it with a tandem rig and swings it down and across the current. Seems to work very well.

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