

Fly Pattern Sheet - Sockeye Gotcha

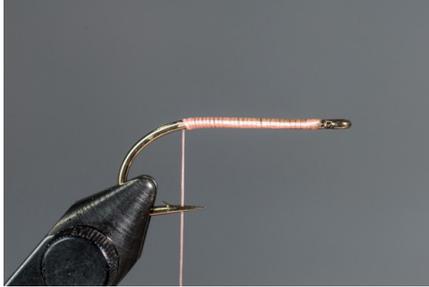
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Hook: #4 Daiichi 2450 or similar
Thread: 210 Denier, pink
Weight: Bead Chain, large silver
Tail: optional
Body: Diamond Braid, or similar
in a pearl/pink shade
Wing: Rabbit Fur, shrimp colors



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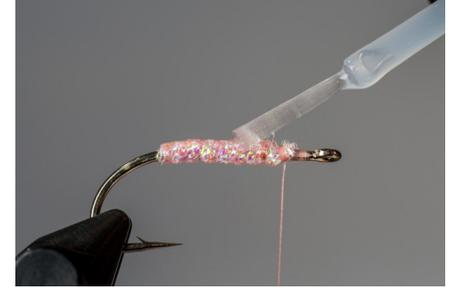
Once we discovered that Sockeye salmon had a preference for small shrimp like patterns we started adapting bonefish shrimp flies to meet our needs. Usually this requires more weight to get down into the water column. Occasionally it was a material or color tweak. This is a typical Gotcha style fly adapted to our fishery.



Attach your thread and wrap a base down the entire length of the shank. (Although most standard shanked hooks will work fine, I've always tied this pattern on a traditional saltwater hook; it just looks proper.)



Tie in your body material and bring your thread forward to about the 1/4 mark.



Wrap the body, tie off, trim the excess; and if you want it to last, coat it with a sealer like nail polish or head cement.



Attach the bead chain on top of the shank just in front of the body.



Turn the fly over and tie down a wing of rabbit fur. (I tie mine a bit different than normal. I place the first couple wraps behind the eyes, X-wrap between the eyes, and finish wrapping in front of the eyes.)



This fly has a bigger than normal head. Once you have it built up, half hitch and whip finish right behind the hook eye.



This is an early version of the Sockeye Gotcha, back when I tied in tails. The body was flat pearl diamond braid, and the rabbit is a color I don't have anymore. (Boo-hiss; always buy a lifetime supply!) This pattern is not as consistently effective as the Green Lantern or Mini-Krystal Shrimp, which are both chartreuse green, but at times it's a color the salmon will key into. It's on the B-Team.