

# Dan Walker's Clouser Minnow Bead Head Variation

These are the bead head versions of my Clouser Minnows, tied in the two main colors I use for the MFFC Smallmouth Outing.

Brown works well in colder water, early in the day generally.

White is best for warmer water, later in the day or when Emerald Shiners are around.

Fish it with a rip and fall retrieve with shorter strips and longer pauses in cold water

## Clouser Minnows

**Hook:** #2 Down eye or 60 degree jig

**Bead:** 4.8mm Brass in shallow, Tu for deep. Black for the Brown fly, Silver for the White

**Body Thread:** Brown or Chartreuse or White for the White fly

**Tail:** Sparse, Brown Natural Bucktail or White

**Tail and Wing flash:** Brown or Black dyed Flashabou or Krystal Flash or Opal Pearl for the white

**Head thread:** 140 D fire Orange

**Wing:** Sparse, Same colors of bucktail and flash as the tail

- My preference for tying this bead head version and Clouser Minnows is to get the weight as far forward as possible.
- Tie the bucktail sparse then fold 3 of 4 strands of flash to each side of the tail and wing.
- I tie in the tail butts 1/16 inch behind the bead then bind the tail & flash down the shank to the bend and 10 degrees around the bend.
- Tie the wing butts in the 1//16 inch slot right behind the bead and fold the flash to both sides of the wing, it should angle up so it lays around the hook point.
- I won't be bringing the optional Angel Hair type pearly flash fiber I sometimes put on as a topping over the wing.
- Chartreuse over the white pattern, Brown or Black over both White and Brown flies. That works out to 8 variations with or without the topping.

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