

Tying the Marabou Banger Popper

The Marabou Banger Popper is derived from Bob Popovic's Bob's Banger popper meant for Striped Bass and Blue Fish. This flashy Marabou Banger is meant for Bass and Pike mainly, but also works well for Musky, Tarpon, Snook and other Saltwater species in the Mangroves.

It's a good match for Great Lakes shad and other silvery bait fish and hard to beat when fishing Great Lakes connected waters.

In the North Channel of the Saint Clair River, I used it to target big Small Mouth over strong current in 6 to 15 foot of waters.

Cast toward shore cover it will get Largemouth and Pike, I caught one Atlantic Salmon out in the current.

Now I mainly use a "Dive Banger" version of this, but we will be tying the simpler Marabou Banger.

HEAD: Foam Cylinder 5/8 inch Foam Cylinder, White for White and Chartreuse, Black for Black

SPECIAL TOOLS: Bodkin type stout needle to poke a hole for the hook shank 1/16" above bottom of head

ROUND TOOTHPICK: with one point blunted

PRISM TAPE WRAP: Silver for White Popper

EYES: Stick On Chartreuse usually

GILL STRIPE: Red Nail Polish, we May skip this.

HOOK: 2/0 short shank predator but also works on 1/0 to 6/0

THREAD: 210 Denier Chartreuse or Fire Orange depending on Popper color.

TAIL: Full Marabou 3X hook shank, head length.

WAIST: Pearl Ice Dub clump center tied to push up against the head

FLASHABOU: Opal Magnum 3 strands each side, Silver regular 3 strands each side longer than tail.

THREAD BASE: Build up a thread base over the length of the bare shank so the glue will hold to the head better.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Poke a hole 1/16th inch above the bottom side of the foam cylinder.

Finish the Head first. Tie the tailing materials so the Ice Dub clump will butt up against the back of the head.

GLUE: Crafts 6000. Because the length of the hook is surrounded by foam any glue you get in there will hold well

Dive Bangers pictured below.

