

The Loud Mouth Clouser



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The Loud Mouth Clouser fly was born as a modification of the Clacker Clouser, which was published in *Saltwater Fly Fishing* magazine, in August/September 2004. I tied the Loud Mouth Clouser fly different from the specifications in the magazine to tailor it to our conditions. The Clacker Clouser was tied with dull lead eyes, chartreuse thread, white and chartreuse bucktail, gold Flashabou or Krystal Flash and brass beads. The Loud Mouth Clouser is tied with bright brass dumbbell eyes, Mono thread, a single color of bucktail, chartreuse (shown) or pink, brass beads with the open ends turn towards each other and Pearl or color to match the wing Krystal Flash. This produces a slightly flashier fly with a more pronounced gold tone to the belly of the fly, which is attractive to Red Fish. I have fished it in murky water conditions in Mississippi and Louisiana Coastal waters, which is a common condition due to silt from the Mississippi River in Louisiana and several rivers that flow into the gulf from Mississippi. This low visibility condition can make catching fish more difficult, but also benefits Mississippi and Louisiana Coastal waters with a nice population of Shrimp and bait fish due to the increased nutrients in the water.

The mother of both the Clacker Clouser and the Loud Mouth Clouser is the Clouser Minnow (aka-Deep Minnow), which has been effective at catching most of the fish species on the planet. It can however, be less effective in murky water, where it may be difficult for fish to see the fly. Making the fly bulkier, in order to create a pressure wave in the water makes the fly heavier and more difficult to cast, especially in windy conditions. The “Click” created by the clicking of the Loud Mouth Clouser and the Clacker Clouser increases the effectiveness of these flies by providing fish a second way to locate them. Think of the brass beads as an alternative form of rattle, which has been proven effective when fishing for many species of fish.

Materials List:

Hook: Standard “J” Style Saltwater hook size 1 or 2 Such as the Mustad S71S SS

Thread: Mono Thread

Body: 2 brass beads, with hollow opening towards each other

Eyes: Brass, or Red Painted Lead, Medium

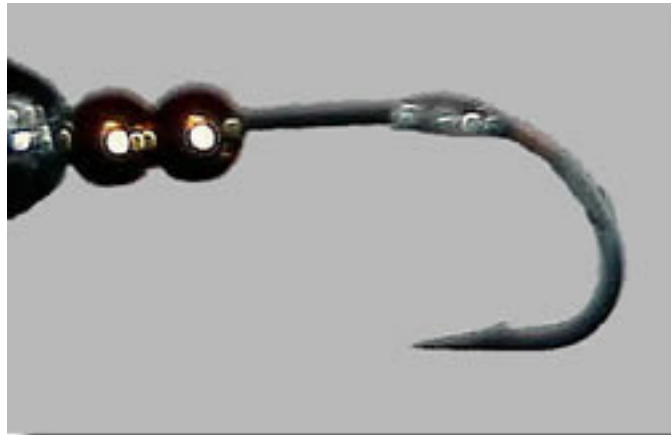
Wing: Bucktail – Chartreuse shown or Pink

Flash: Krystal Flash, Pearl or to match Wing material

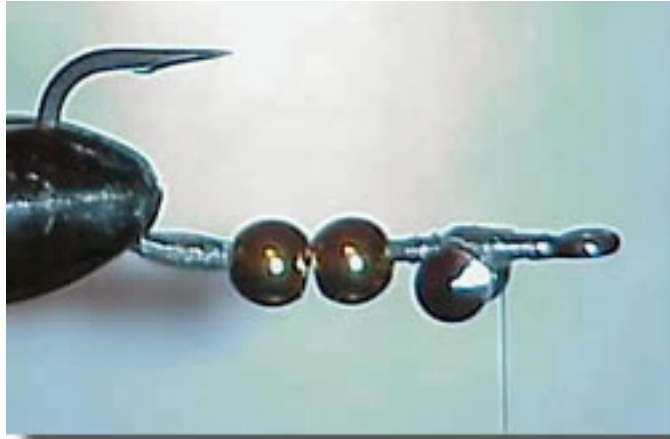
Tying Steps:



1. Flatten barb in order to get the brass beads onto the hook. Place the Brass beads on the hook, with the open ends of the beads together. Lefty Kreh recommends using barbless hooks because it makes it easier to hook the fish, and I have experienced few, if any, lost fish due to not having a barbed hook. Place hook in vise point up.



2. Start the Mono thread near the start of the curve of the hook and create a ball of thread. Whip finish the ball, cut off thread and coat with head cement or epoxy. This will keep the brass beads from sliding off the hook.



3. Start the thread behind eye of the hook, and wind a smooth thread base just to the location of the Dumbbell Eyes, which are tied on the bottom of the hook. This causes the bottom of the hook to be heavier than the top, so it rotates the hook point up once hitting the water, in order to reduce snagging the bottom. The dumbbell eyes also cause the fly to wobble as it sinks creating flash.



4. Tie the bucktail wing to the hook shank between the dumbbell eyes and the hook eye on top of the hook shank. Be careful not to apply too much tension to the rear portion of the bucktail or it will flare, as in deer hair spinning, and also insure the bucktail is not too tight to the hook shank or it will impede the movement of the brass beads. No movement equals no "click," what would be the point?



5. Tie the Flash Wing on top of the bucktail wing. Whip finish the head and apply head cement. When using mono thread, it is recommended you do two whip finishes.

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