



“The Persuader” (Marabou Streamer)

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The Marabou Streamer pattern is a basic baitfish imitation that can prove deadly, and is an easy pattern to tie. Bill Ozawa reminded me not to ignore this pattern when we were fishing Indian Creek Reservoir outside of Markleeville this past November 2009. He nailed several large rainbow and brown trout. The fish were looking to fatten up before the winter weather set in, and cruising the shoreline looking for a bite-size meal. Of course, not being too proud, I begged Bill for one, and he called it "The Persuader". You'll have to ask Bill for the story behind the name. It worked for me too, but I finally had to stop using it before I lost the pattern. Try fishing these with various strip lengths and tempo until you figure out what the fish want, but usually a quick tempo with definite pauses in between to imitate an injured minnow/ baitfish trying to escape a hungry predator. It's a lot of fun when a larger size fish slams into your offering. I like chartreuse/white, grey/white, and black/white combination patterns. Experiment with the various types and colors of tinsel or Flashabou products available to figure out what works for you. Good luck.

Tying Instructions

MATERIALS

HOOK: Tiemco 200 R, Mustad 9672 3XL, streamer or equivalent Sz. 10-6

THREAD: 6/0 color to match marabou

TINSEL/ FLASHABOU: Underbody color to match marabou (e.g. Silver or green for chartreuse, gold for brown, blue or black for black)

KRYSTAL FLASH: Color appropriate for marabou (e.g., usually pearl/ rainbow in combo with red, black, etc.

UNDERWING: White marabou

WING: Marabou color of choice

1. **(Photo 1)** Smash barb, and place hook in vise. Lay a smooth thread base back to standard barb tie in position. Tie in a strand of tinsel or 2-3 strands of Flashabou. Coat thread base with a couple drops of head cement to improve the longevity of your fly. I used red thread for better contrast, and some believe red enhances a trigger effect on fish (imitating the color of a fish's gills).



Photo 1

2. **(Photo 2)** Wrap tinsel/Flashabou forward in overlapping fashion, and tie off, but leave yourself enough room to tie in marabou, create a large thread head, etc. I used holographic silver tinsel for this body.



Photo 2



Photo 3

3. **(Photo 3)** Tie in marabou underwing (usually white color), and let the marabou spin around the hook shank a little bit. Length should be approximately 1-2X hook shank length. Trim off at an angle at the head, and secure well with thread.



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4. **(Photo 4)** Tie in a couple of strands of Krystal Flash on each side and on top to imitate the lateral line. Use a combo of colors appropriate for the marabou overwing. I usually include a couple of strands of red, and pearl/rainbow. The picture below is looking down at the top of the fly at a slight



5. **(Photo 5)** Now tie in the marabou overwing on top of the hook shank, and match length with underwing. Again, trim off at an angle, and secure well with thread. Create a large thread head, and apply head cement. You're done!

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6. **(Photo 6)** Example of white/black marabou combination with body of steel Flashabou, and combo of pearl/rainbow, red, & black Krystal Flash

