



“TEASING TOOL”

September 2007 Fly of the Month

Constructed and photographed
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MATERIALS

WOODEN DOWEL: 1/4” OR 3/16”

VELCRO (WHITE) HOOK SIDE

ONLY: For 1/4” dowel: 1/2” to 3/4” wide
X 13/16” (20 cm)

For 3/16” dowel: 1/2” to 3/4” wide

X 11/16” (18 cm)

SUPER GLUE: (Zap-a-Gap).

TYING THREAD: On bobbin, any color.

Instead of suggesting another fly pattern, I decided to provide instructions on how to make a simple, yet very useful tool for fly tying. Dave Whitlock was the first person I ever saw use this tool. I use mine whenever I need to tease out some dubbing, frizz up some crystal chenille, or free hackle from an over-wrapped wire. This tool was mentioned in the March 2007 Fly of the Month article on tying a Mohair Leech.

Building Instructions

Photo 1



1. (Photo 1 at left) - Cut a wooden dowel (size of your choice) into a four-inch length.

2. Cut a length of the hook sided Velcro to the length to match the dowel size.

(For 1/4” dowel: use 1/2” to 3/4” wide X 13/16” (20 cm)

(For 3/16” dowel: use 1/2”

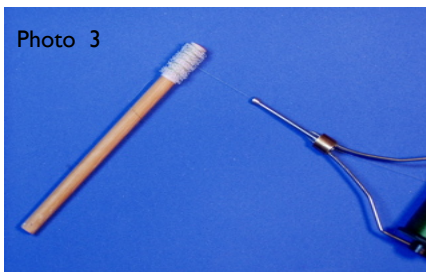
to 3/4” wide X 11/16” (18 cm)

3. (Photo 2 at right) Apply super glue to a 1/2—3/4 inch area all around one end of the dowel.

Photo 2

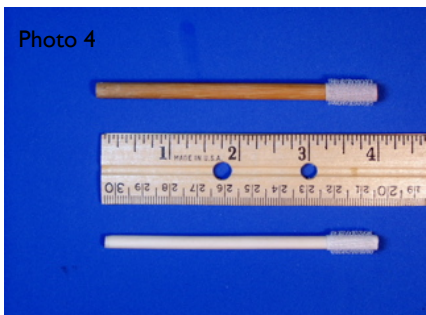


Photo 3



4. (Photo 3 & 4 at left) Immediately fold the Velcro around the dowel over the super glue. And immediately wrap tying thread many times around the Velcro to hold it in place while glue sets up. I find that thread in a bobbin is an easy way to do this.

Photo 4



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