

## **Inside Bender**

Materials Needed:

Hook: Small Shank
Eyes: Lead Eyes
Loop: 20-50lb power pro
Tail: Brown or olive grizzly hen hackle
Flash: Cranberry holographic flashabou
Head: Clump of peacock eye ice dub

## Steps for tying this fly

- 1. Put a shank in your vice and cover it with thread. A 3XL hook can be used as an alternative.
- 2. Tie in a pair of bead chain or lead eyes at the front of the hook.
- 3. Tie an overhand knot in a piece of power pro, so that it creates a 3" loop.
- 4. Put the loop of power pro through the bottom of the eye and come over to the top. Lash the power pro in with thread; the overhand knot will prevent problems if a big fish takes the fly.
- **5.** Tie in a grizzly hen feather, sloping down.
- 6. Tie in a few strands of cranberry flashabou over the feather.
- 7. Add a clump of peacock eye ice dub, whip finish the fly and add glue.
- 8. Attach a short, wide gap hook before fishing....

**Comments:** A true guide pattern; this one is quick and dirty and is one of my favorite winter patterns. It is a great combination of simplicity and effectiveness. It is usually fished on the swing but also works very well bounced along the bottom.

As its name implies, it is frequently used on slow inside bends in the winter. It is designed for steelhead but often catches stream trout. This fly likely imitates darters but regardless of what it imitates, it works!