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I've used this fly for many years. My first introduction to it was in Calgary in the '70's. I've enjoyed 10 years fishing the local streams and rivers such as the Highwood, Cataract, Jumping Pound & the Bow River. The Mickey Finn is an important fly to use when flies imitating food sources are not working. I've caught Brookies, Browns and Rainbows on this fly and since living here, this same fly has done very well for me on Cutthroat & Coho. My most treasured catch, however, was on a fish-out as a member of the "Calgary Hook & Hackle" club on the Bow River. My partner, Dave White, had just landed a 26" Brown, and shortly after, I landed a 24" Rainbow from the same run on a Mickey Finn. I've had good success with the Mickey Finn on local beaches for both Cutthroat & Coho; if all else, fails tie on the Mickey.

Materials

Hook: Tiemco TMC 9394, Size 6

Thread: 6/0 - black

Body: Flat Silver Mylar

Rib: Wire – silver

Eyes: White Head Cement, Paint or Nail Polish, Black Sharpie Pen or Paint.



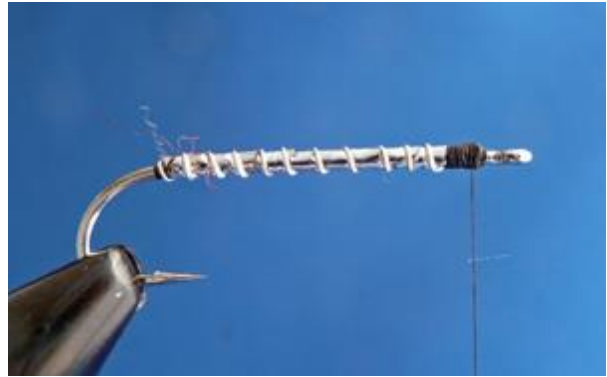
Method

1. De-barb the hook. Put a base of thread on the hook then back to the eye. Start the silver wire at the eye and lay on top of the hook held down with the thread. Tie in the flat silver mylar at the bend of the hook.
2. Put head cement on the thread base of the hook.



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3. Wrap the flat silver mylar forward to the eye and tie off. Wrap the silver wire forward forming an evenly spaced rib. Paint the finished body with head cement.



4. Tie in a sparse wing of yellow buck tail. Use your thumb nail to flatten the bundle.



5. Tie in the same amount of red buck tail on top of the yellow.



6. Tie in another bundle of yellow bucktail on top of the red. TYER'S NOTE: I like this fly sparse, sometimes as sparse as six to ten hairs to each colour bundle.



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7. Build the head large enough to put the eye on.



8. Paint the white of the eye. Let it dry.



9. Apply the black dot of the eye with a Sharpie pen.



10. The finished fly.

