

# Clouser Minnow Fly

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## Materials Used in the Clouser Minnow

**Hook:** Any standard streamer hook, e.g., Mustad - 94833 or 3407 plated or 34011 stainless.

**Thread:** 3/0 brown prewaxed

**Bottom Wing:** Orange buck or calf tail.

**Flash:** Gold or copper krystal flash.

**Top Wing:** Brown buck or calf tail.

Note. I used Brown and Orange color combo for good contrast with white background in Illustrations.

The Clouser Minnow streamer is a fly that should be in every fly fisherman's fly box. The old saying "Don't leave home without it!" applies to this fly like no other. I have caught smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, sunfish, suckers, seatrout, flounder, brook trout, rainbows and browns with this fly. People I know have caught dozens of other species of fresh and saltwater fish using the Clouser Minnow. I know, it really is a lead head jig and technically is not a proper fly at all, but even you dry fly purist should have one tucked away in your vest where your buddies can't see it. It has saved many a slow day and produced the biggest fish of the day. The Clouser Minnow is tied in many color schemes and some with painted or chrome plated lead eyes.

