



# Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



## Jig Head Eyes

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I have been asked, "How do I paint my eyes?" Well I know that I have shared this information with some of you before but thought I would put it in "Fly in my Email" to have for future requests. This memo is for painting eyes on jig hooks and will create another document for powder painting on barbell with painted eyes.

First, I like the TMC403BLJ hook. It is barbless, with a wide gap, and 60 degree vertical eye. It is a perfect trout hook with or without lead weight. But the jig hooks with a 90 degree also work, weight 1/80 or 1/100 oz.

Materials – Paints, Hard as Nails and tools.



The Acrylic paints and Sally Hansen hard as nails was purchased at Wal-Mart.

The tools were purchase on EBay. They make perfect dots, clean up nice and are inexpensive \$2.98 and free shipping.

Buy two and give a set to a friend.



Look up on Ebay:  
10Pc x Nail Art Marbleizing Crystal Paint Dotting Pens Tool Set Kit Design 2 Way

After powder painting the lead on the hook, (note – you can also hand paint the lead), I will paint the eye in 4 steps. The first is to apply a white base, or a primer coat.

Let dry and paint on the second coat. I like the neon paints. Paint and let dry.



Third, paint the pupil with Black puffy paint, though standard black will work as well. The puffy paint takes longer to dry and is raised a little after it is dried.



Fourth, cover your eye with Sally Hanson Hard as Nails.



John Deere

### Materials:

- Hook: TMC403BLJ 60 degree or any Jig hook 90 degree, 1/80 or 1/100 oz.
- Hook size: 10, 12, and 14
- Thread: UNI-Thread Olive 8/0, or UTC 8/0
- Head: Powder Paint – John Deere green
- Eyes: Painted Neon yellow with black pupil
- Tail: Olive Marabou and crystal flash
- Body: Chenille – Sculpin Olive with gold wire for ribbing

The Fly tied by Dennis Stead - size 14 hook.

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