



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



RSL (Rabbit Strip Leech)

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Kim Schultz, over 30 years ago tied this leech pattern and used it at night at Lake Taneycomo. See YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXtRwsQxZyA>



Kim Schultz's Rabbit Strip Leech

I made some variations in tying the RSL and thought I would like to share this with you. Instead of the lead wire, I am using a 1/80 round head on the size 6 Aberdeen hook. A slotted bead could also be used.



After tying on a thread base, I tie on my flash and build up a dam to keep the rabbit skin from sliding back. I also am using Madeira thread for my body flash.



The rest of the steps follow the YouTube video. I punch a hole about 3/4" from the end to the strip and put the hook eye in that hole. Open the vise and slide the strip up, and then retighten your hook.



Cut a small slot for the eye to pass through with your x-acto knife.



Put your eye through, pull back the strip over the head and tie off.



Then with the x-acto know, saw off the extra material.



What do you think? Let me know. dmstead@aol.com



Kim Schultz's Rabbit Strip Leech (RSL)

Materials:

Hook: 90° Aberdeen Jig hook

Hook size: 6

Thread: UNI-Tread 8/0 Olive or to match the color of the Rabbit Strip

Weight: Lead wire .035 (see video) or 1/80 round head cast on hook, or slotted bead

Body: Halo flash or your choice of flashing, I am using Madeira thread Ice

Tail-Body-Head: Rabbit Strip White rubber

Over thirty years ago and even up to the present times Kim and other fished this leech at night at Taneycomo. Black is the color when the night is dark and overcast. White was used on moon light nights. I would think purple, charcoal, and olive would work as well. Try fishing it at other places during the day.

YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXtRwsQxZyA>

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