



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



Barbell Eyes

6/21/2020

"How do I paint my eyes on Barbells?" That is a little different. Powder Painting jig head is easy. Powder painting Barbell eye is a little harder. First you have to have a couple of tools. One is a hair clip and the other is a spring wire to hold the Barbell.



The spring wire will hold the barbells while you heat them and dip them in to your powder paint.



Now rack the powder painted barbells. Follow the recommendation on your powder paint jar for time and temperature. I do mine at 400 degrees for 10 minutes.

When the barbells have backed, remove the spring clips that held them. You will have an area where the clip held the barbell that I file to make is smooth. Then put the barbell it in the hair clip.



Now you are ready to dip the barbell in the white primer coat. The dipping is done a certain way. Get a drop of paint and dip the eye in it, then pull straight up. Repeat for the other eye.



Then place the hair clip into a drying wheel.



When dry, repeat the process with your main color, dipping to cover the white.



Place the hair clip into the drying wheel. When dried, paint on the pupil. Place in the drying wheel to dry.



Fourth, cover your eye with Sally Hanson Hard as Nails. This might be a lot of trouble for some people but look at the results.

Sam Stewart's mini dragon.



Patty Hayes' John Deere Bugger.



Tell me what you think:
dmstead@aol.com

If you do not want to receive this and would like to be removed from my email, just let me know. I will remove your email address.

Also check out our MTFA web site for other articles you may have missed. Click on the following to get there:
<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/resources/library/pdf-downloads/>

Or see other Flies in my Email by clicking this link - <http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/fly-in-my-email/>