

CLOUSER KINGFISH STYLE



Hook 1/0 Stainless Salt Water. Thread strong and I prefer red but your choice.

- Place hook in vice, barb down.
- Whip a lump of thread on the shaft approx. 1/3 to 1/2 way down the shaft to hold the eyes.
- Fix a set of dumbbell eyes of your chosen colour to the bump with plenty of crossovers and helicopter whip and may be some glue to lock it to the shaft.
- From the front of the eyes, fix your chosen material leaving length about 3 times the hook length (material can be buck tail or any other material with some flash added).
- Moving back towards the barb lock the material to the eyes the back down the shaft to the bend of the hook.
- Tie in some tinsel or other material (flashabou, etc) at the bend to make a slim body.
- Carry the thread back to the eyes.
- Wind on the body material and seize behind the eyes.
- Cross over the eyes and seize in front, building a little bit of a tapered head
- Turn the fly hook up and put some throat material seizing in front of the eyes only so the material flairs across the gap of the hook (include some flash of another colour. I like pinks and yellows)
- Taper off the head and whip finish

These flies are designed to fish point up

How to fish to a short tail sting ray with a kingfish rider from the master Dick Marquad:

Cast the fly over the ray and strip in with jerky pulls to let the fly drop to the bottom but take care not to hook the ray, i.e. cast alongside it.

I have seen a kingi take a clouser after having been cast to 8 or 10 times whereas using a bait fish fly rarely get takes after 2-3 casts.

Clouser for trout and salmon:

Basically the same style as above on may be an #8 use plug chain eyes and buck tail

Not widely used in NZ but I have taken fish at Rangiruru Bay with one