

Building Jigs by Joe "Roccus" Brotz

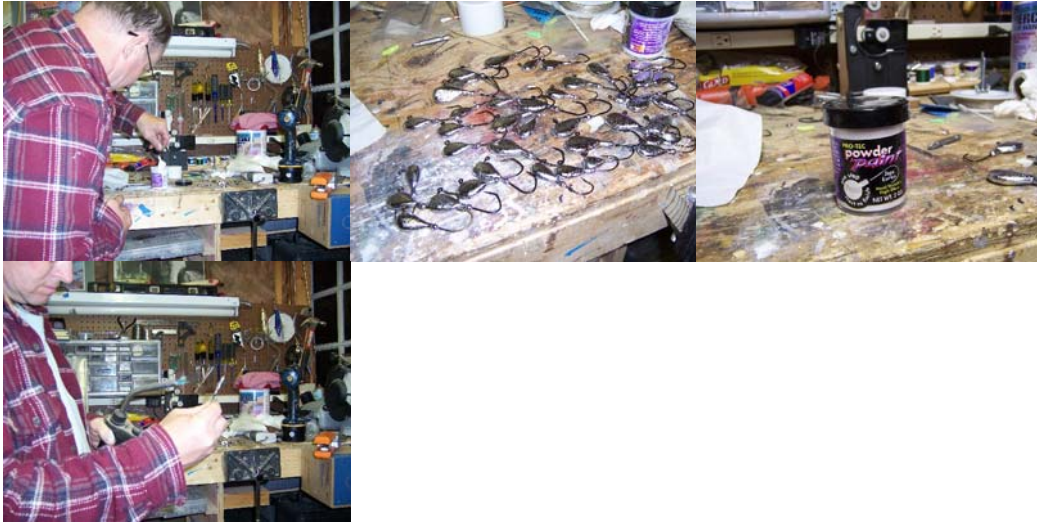
Here's a few pics of the process in case anyone is interested.

I buy virgin lead at the plumbing supply store, lead flashing can also be used and sometimes can be bought cheap from a salvage yard... wheel weight work, but contain a lot of impurities.

Next set up your mold, make sure the hooks are in the slots and close tightly (I'm not wearing protective gear in the photo's because of the automatic picture mode of the camera, I cant fumble with buttons with heavy gloves on, gloves face shield and apron should always be worn) then SLOWLY pour your lead, now dump the spoils... next post will be on powder paint coating and tying the bucktails.



Now trim the flashing, I use a pair of side cutters to trim the flashing... now heat the jig with a small torch (yeah I know I'm using a big one, I've done this before) about 4-5 seconds each side, wear gloves and hold the jig with a small pair of vise grips (I know I'm not, it's the camera thing again) dip in the powder paint, shake off the excess and hang the jig until it cools.



Now truss your jig in a vise or fly ties vise, in a pinch, a pair of vise grips held in a vise works too, take a few turns of thread and secure with a half hitch, cut a small bundle of bucktail, loop the thread around it and roll the hair around the body of the jig as you follow with the wrap, it takes practice but it is easier than it looks, make enough turns to secure the hair, adjusting as needed, trim off the butt ends and finish the wrap, coat with two coats of Sally Hansen tough as nails nail polish.. go fishin'



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