

## THE POCKET MINNOW BUILDING KIT by MuddyBros

**TRANSPARENT “LIP” PLACEMENT:** Unless you are painting your lure, it is probably best to first go through the steps necessary to put the transparent, “lip” onto the bare crankbait lure body. If, instead, you wish to paint the lure body, you will want to wait until **AFTER** the paint (not included) has dried before putting the transparent lip into place.

Upon close examination of the transparent “lips,” you will notice that the two holes on the upper portion of the lip are tapered. Orient the lip so that the narrower ends of the two tapered holes are facing you, thus positioning the narrower side of the holes to be reamed out.

**FIGURE 1**



**FIGURE 1:** If you have difficulty determining which side of the transparent lip contains the smaller holes, simply insert an included aluminum dowel in one of the holes and hold the lip straight up and down as shown above. The dowel will sag downward in the direction of the side with the smaller holes (to be reamed out) whereas the side with the larger holes will cause the dowel to sit nearly perpendicular to the transparent lip.

**FIGURE 2**



**FIGURE 2:** Close and orient the snipping tool (included) as shown above. Ream out the narrower side of both holes by applying firm pressure and using both hands to repeatedly twist both the snipping tool and the transparent lip in opposite directions at the same time. You will only be able to twist about 180 degrees before switching directions. Continue this bidirectional twisting motion until you no longer hear

the subtle “crunching” noise associated with reaming out the holes. Use your fingernail to scrape off the shavings from both of the reamed-out holes.

**FIGURE 3**



**FIGURE 3:** Push the transparent lip into the slot from the SIDE...not from the bottom. Although it is a tight fit, it becomes easier with some practice and patience. Also, it is VITAL to orient the lip so that the narrower, reamed-out portion of the holes face the “tail-end” of the lure.

**FIGURE 4A**



**FIGURE 4B**



**FIGURE 4C**



**FIGURE 4:** With the lip precisely slid into place, the included aluminum dowels can be pushed through each “eye hole” of the lure body (**Figure 4A**). The dowels can be pushed flush (**Figure 4B**) with the lure body by applying force using a hard surface such as a rock or the flat portion on the snipping tool itself. Occasionally an aluminum dowel may become tightly jammed (**Figure 4C**). Excessive force may even bend the dowel, but this is not problem because the tightly jammed dowel stays in place very well. In such cases, simply use the snipping tool to cut off the excess dowel flush with the lure body. **CAUTION:** Use eye protection. You will be surprised at the velocity attained by a snipped off portion of the dowel! In addition to using eye protection, I personally prefer to snip jammed dowels on the inside of a garbage can to catch the dowel turned projectile. **NOTE: These instructions accidentally skip from Figure 4 to Figure 6 but no information is missing.**

**FIGURE 6A**



**FIGURE 6B**



**FIGURE 6: ONLY IF** you choose to use scent, you will need to punch through at least one of the normally sealed pilot hole divots. If you plan on using only the included Pole Bender scent, I recommend punching through only one of the three holes...perhaps the hole closest to the tail-end of the lure. However, to allow air to escape when injecting scent into the pocket, you should use the included “T” shaped pin to punch a small hole in one other pilot divot.

### There are at least two ways to punch open the scent diffusion holes:

Use the included “T” shaped pin (in the black bag) to punch hole(s) through the pilot hole divot(s) ONLY if you intend to use scent. If you are using a thin scent such as the included Pole Bender scent, you may wish to make only pin holes in the forward most pilot divots to slow the diffusion of scent from the lure. However, if you wish to refill the lure with scent (the scent is powerful, so you should only add Pole Bender scent during the act of fishing) at least one of the holes will have to be punched open enough to allow refill of the scent into the lure pocket. If you intend to punch out any of the holes “completely” (big enough for the blunt hollow needle to enter the pocket cavity) then you will likely have an easier time if you punch several pin holes in the pilot divot(s). The several pin holes will weaken the divot to be punched through (see Figure 6A and 6B) making it easier to punch out the divot using the blunt hollow needle.

Another method that allows you to customize the size of the pilot divot holes is to first use the “T” shaped pin to punch a hole in the pilot hole divot. Then use one “blade” of the snipper tool to ream out the pin hole to the size of your liking. If you choose to put a thick scent such as Power Bait into the pocket, you may want to use this method for reaming out larger holes in one, two or all three divots. Conversely, to further prolong the diffusion rate of thin scents, you can use scissors (not included) to clip off pieces of the included sponge to be placed in the pocket before it is sealed.

First, weaken the pilot divot to be punched through by punching several pin holes into the divot. With the blunt needle seated in the pilot hole, flip the lure so that the dorsal side (the spine or backside) is oriented downward and get an adult to secure the lure body with one hand on each end of the lure body (**Figure 6A**) and gradually increase downward force until the blunt needle breaks through the pilot hole (**Figure 6B**).



**FIGURE 7:** Before putting on the decals, the pockets are normally sealed with the included water-resistant foam inserts. The included foam inserts can be used unaltered (if you do not wish to add anything to the pocket) or two quick snips with the snipping tool allows for the removal of a section of foam (**Figure 7A**). If you choose to make use of the pocket, any of the included materials (or non-included materials...be creative!) can be added to the pocket space such as included lead BBs to produce a rattling sound and/or to increase the weight and running depth of the crankbait. Liquid scents can be injected through the punched-out hole(s) by fixing the included blunt hollow needle to the included syringe. The included proprietary “Pole Bender” scent should only be injected into the pocket (filled and refilled) while in the act of fishing (this likely applies to any other non-included attractant that has a strong smell and/or is perishable). In the case of the Pole Bender scent specifically, you may have to remove the screw-top lid and insert the blunt needle directly into the Pole Bender bottle rather than attempting to draw scent into the syringe via the pop-up nozzle. If you choose to use a semi-solid attractant such as Power Bait, you may choose to omit the use of a foam insert altogether, instead

opting to fill the entire pocket with Power Bait or other semi-solid attractant. There are at least two ways to do this. Firstly, you can put the decals on as normal, but exclude the foam insert. From there, you can use a pen knife, razor blade or very sharp knife (not included) to cut out the decal section that normally covers the pocket (**Figure 7B**) and pack attractant into the pocket as shown on the top lure of **Figure 7C**. Secondly, you can paint your own lure and pack the pocket with attractant as shown on the bottom lure of **Figure 7C**. NOTE: Although both lures in **Figure 7C** are color matched as concerning the Power Bait color and lure color, gamefish can be attracted to color contrast as well. Similarly, mixing and matching decals can be a fun way to both increase lure variety and perhaps catch more fish.

### FIGURES 8A and 8B



**FIGURES 8:** Heat-activate the self-adhesive decals for 1 minute per decal page at “point blank” range on the hottest setting of an electric hair dryer (not included) before removing the decals from their backing. To keep the decal page from flying away, you can weigh it down by clipping an included clothes pin onto the edge of the decal page. Carefully center the back/head decal along the “spine” of the lure body (**Figure 8A**). Select your side decals and apply them as shown in **Figure 8B**. Once the decals are in place, use the included clothes pin to grip the lure by the transparent lip and use the hottest setting of the hair dryer to the previously applied decals for 2 to 3 minutes (again, at “point blank” range) to heat-seal decals to the lure body. **Allocate extra heating time to the nose and the tail-end portions of the decals.** For best adhesion, minimize the amount of decal-on-decal overlap.

### FIGURE 9



**FIGURE 9:** Thread the extension of our patented Easy-to-use Split Ring through the eyelet of an included treble hook. Then, thread the same extension through one of the lure eyelets. Push the coiled portion of the split ring toward the eyelet. This motion should cause the eyelet wire-form of the lure itself to act like a wedge to get the split ring started on the eyelet. Rotate the split ring extension and coil to thread the split ring most of the way onto the eyelet. Use your fingernail for the final bit required to get the split ring and treble hook the rest of the way onto the eyelet. Pull the split ring extension slightly up, then down at an angle that exploits the weakness produced by the notch in the extension. If this does not cause the extension to break off at the preformed notch, repeat this same motion until the extension breaks off.