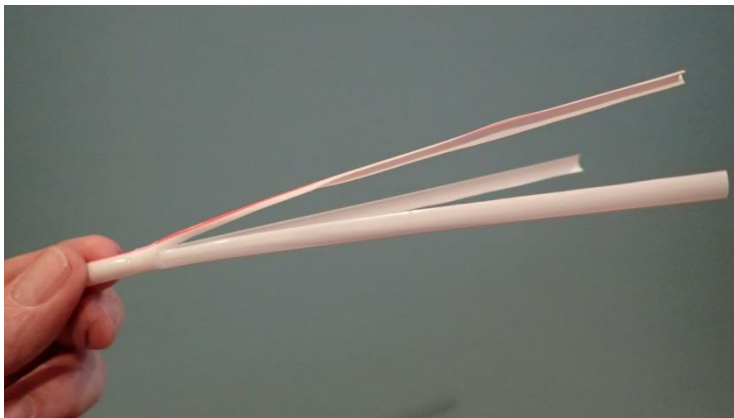


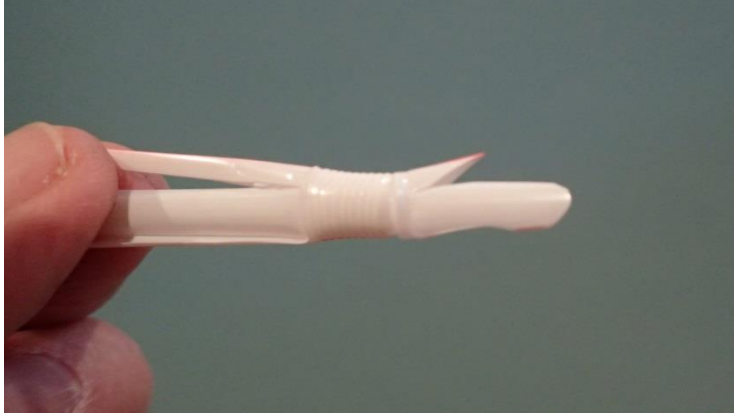
Take a bendy straw.

Flatten it by compressing the sides together.

Make a cut $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the way along the long edge of the straw, until you reach the ridges.

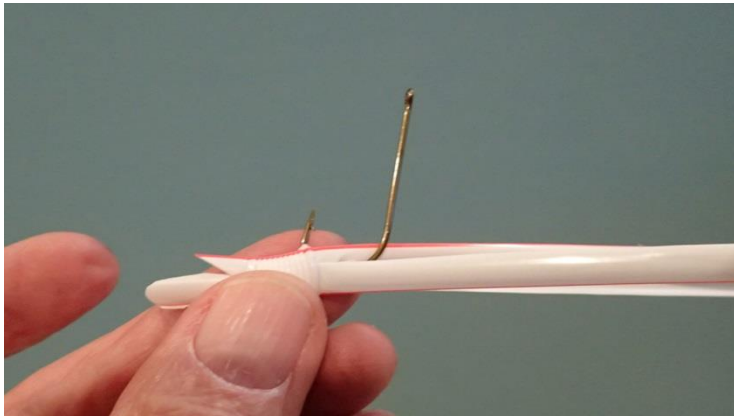


Cut along, and separate the bottom channel into two long pieces.

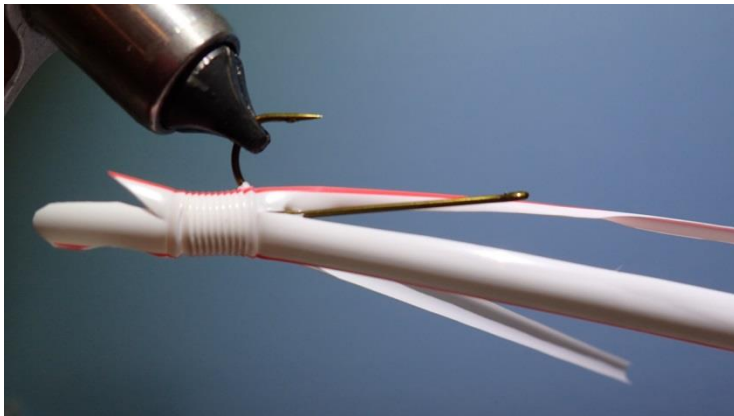


Shape the short end of the straw by cutting out the rear “paddles as shown.

Note that the V is notched on the top of the straw along the same edge as your very first cut.

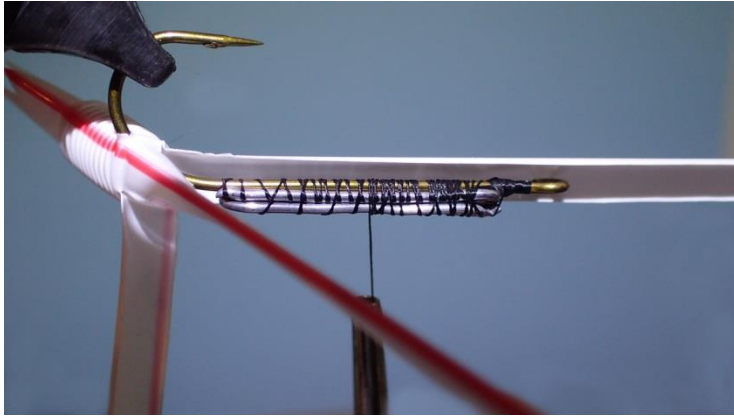


Insert the point of a 1” long shanked hook through the top about two ridges in from the long end of the straw



Mash down the hook barb.

Place upside down in your vise.



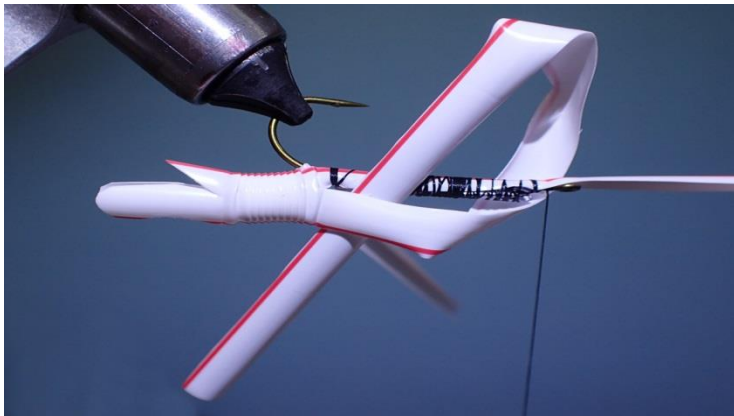
Tie in two lead lengths along the hook shaft on the opposite side from the hook bend.

(This will ensure that the shrimp swims in an upright stance when fished).



Secure the thinner, upper ridge onto the hook shank.

(Adding some head cement on the underside of the wraps will help the straw to stay put on the hook).



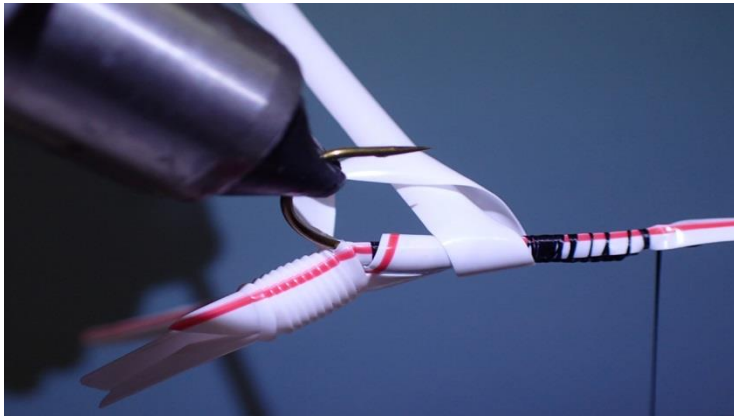
The next move has to be done correctly.

Pass the thick strip **UNDER** the hook shank and loop it to form a letter P.

Take care to have the **shiny , convex side always on the outside**.



Pull downward on the arm of the P so that a neat tight cone forms around the hook shank.



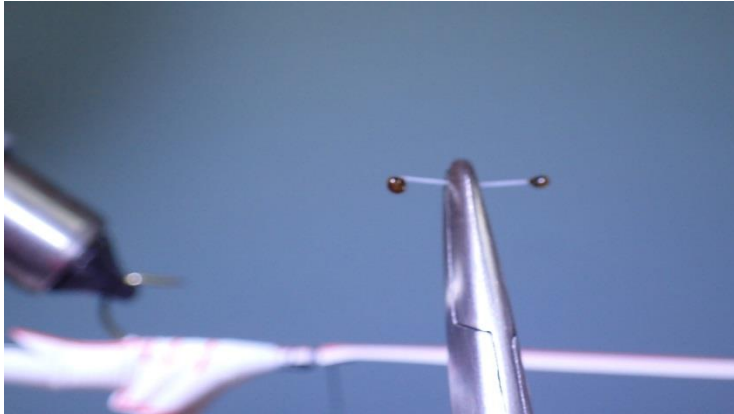
Repeat this on the opposite side.



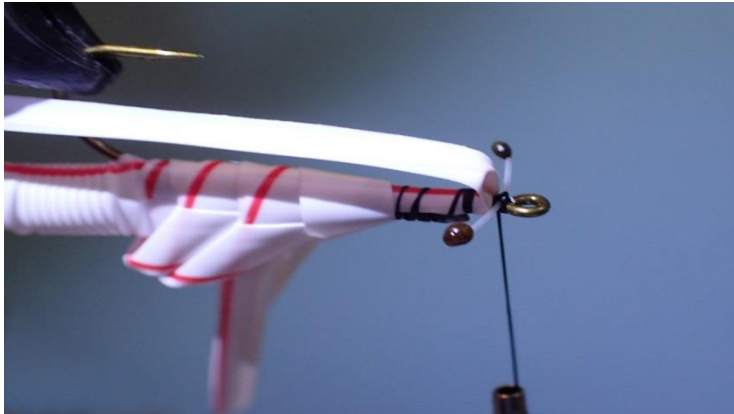
Pull the cone down tightly, snugging it over the first one



Repeat this twice more on each side.

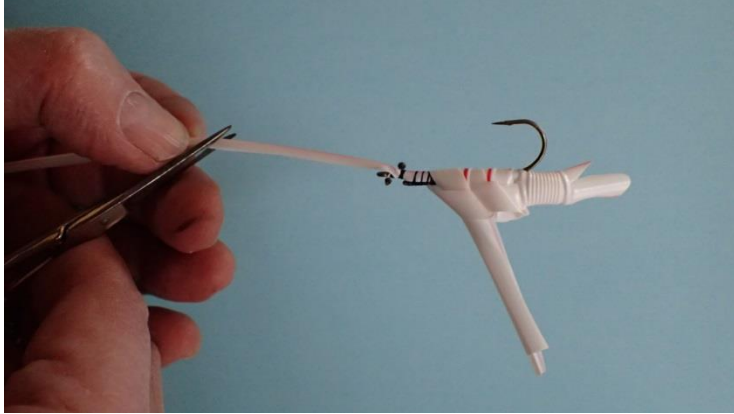


Singe two ends of some thick monofilament line to make the eyes.

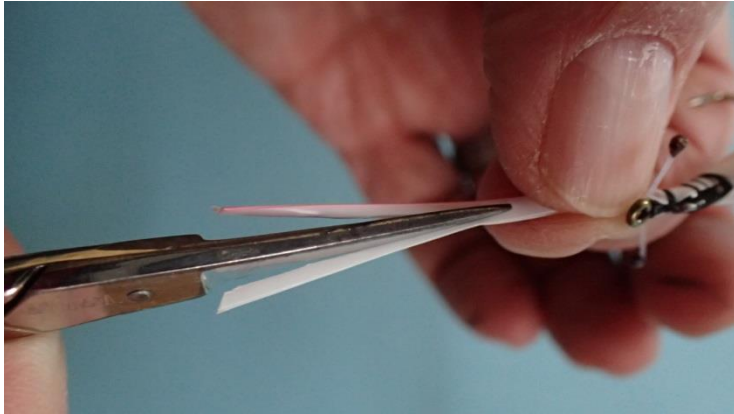


Tie the eyes behind the hook eye using figure 8 wraps.

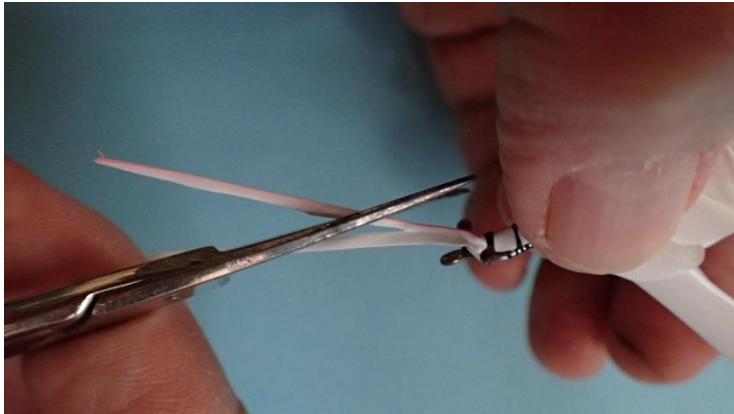
Add some head cement to those wraps.



Snip the antenna portion so that it is approximately twice the body length.

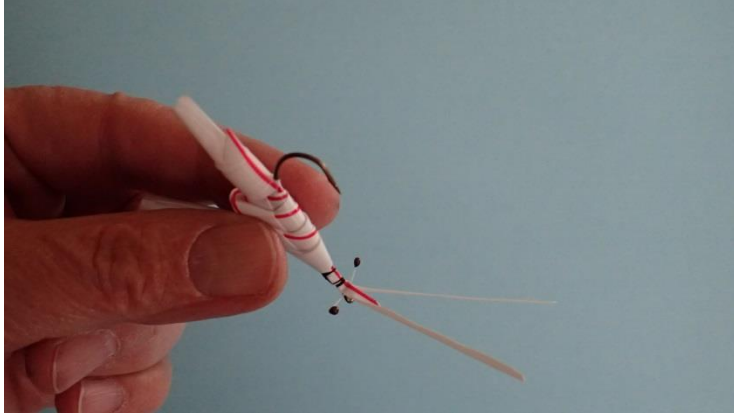


Cut in half along the folded antenna.

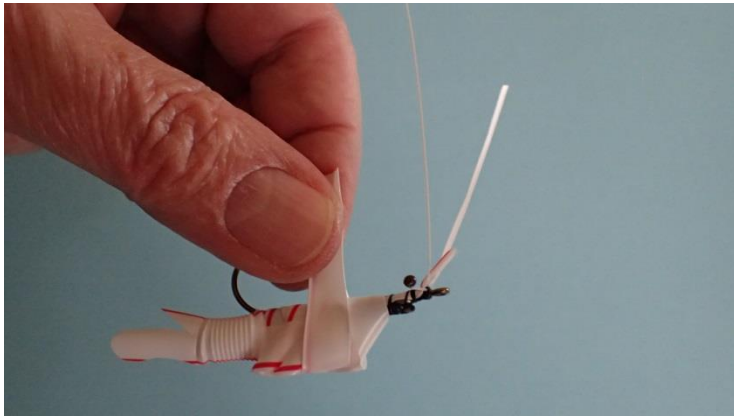


Cut the top folded piece at a 45 degree angle.

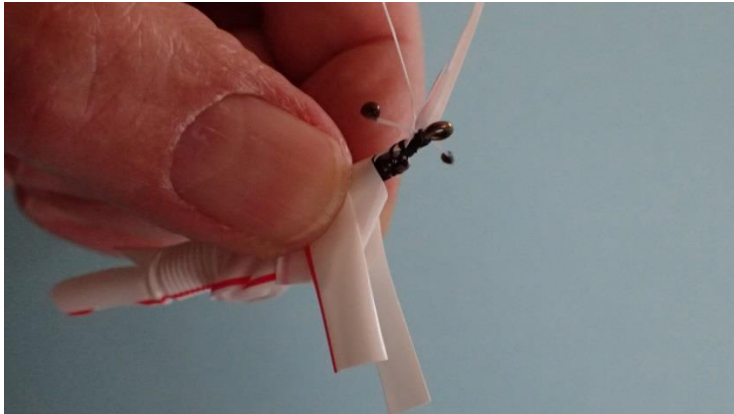
This will be the rostrum of the shrimp.



This is how it should now look.

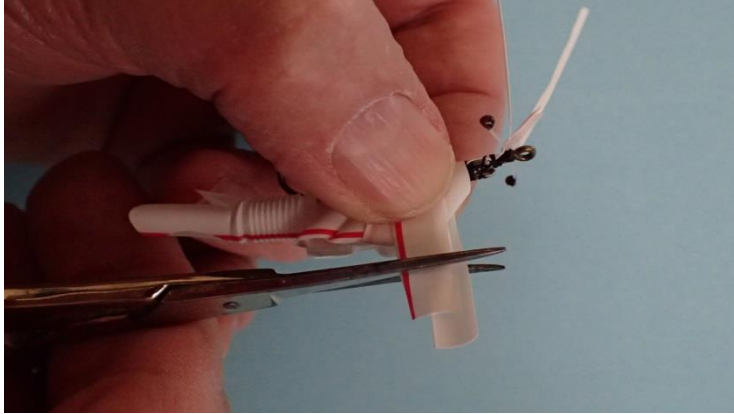


Bend both legs upwards.

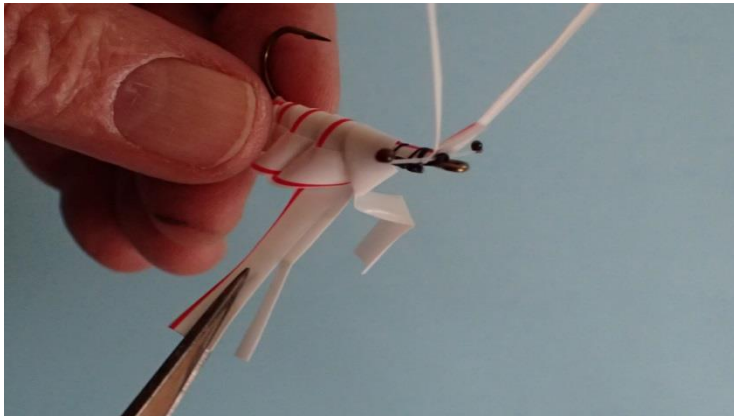


Now fold them down and using side pressure, compress the legs.

This will put a fold in the legs.

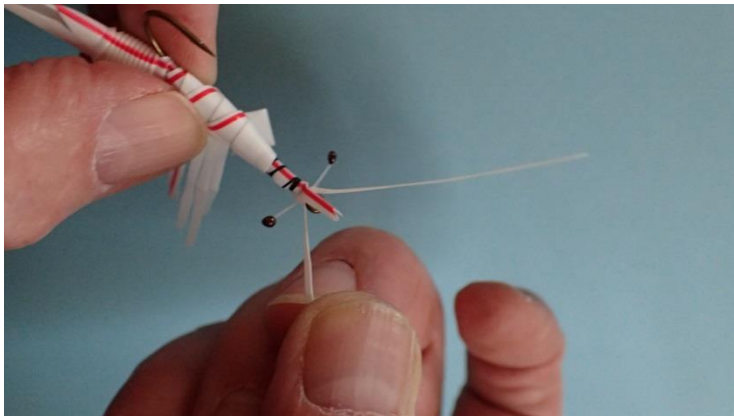


Trim the legs about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch below the body of the fly.

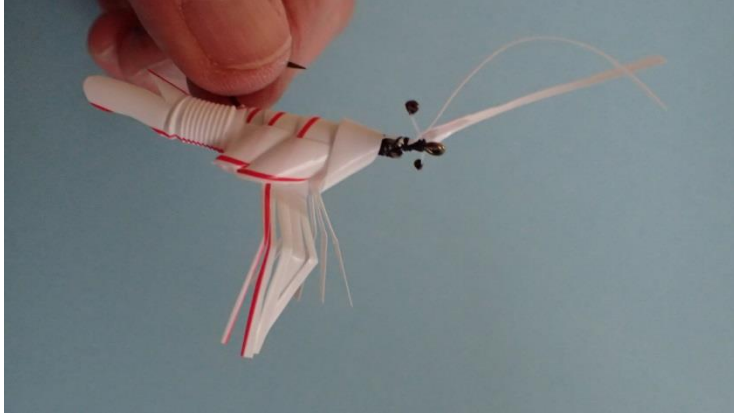


Cut each leg piece into 4 or 5 legs on each side.

(A shrimp usually has 5 pairs of legs, but the fish cannot count).



Run your nail along each of the antennae to put an outward curl in them.



Now go wild with indelible Sharpies to add some color.

A final coat of head cement will also help increase durability.



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