

DAMSEL NYMPH MUDDLER



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph or streamer, size 8-10
Thread.....Chartreuse or olive, 6/0
Undertail.....Flashabou Accent, pearl or olive
Overtail.....Marabou, olive
Rib.....Floss, yellow or chartreuse
Body.....Dubbing, seals fur or equivalent, olive
Hackle.....Saddle, olive
Legs.....Barred rubber, black/white or color of your choice
Head.....Deer hair, olive, yellow, or natural

1. Put the hook in the vise, attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye, and wrap it back in a tight thread base to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Select 2 pieces of flash material and tie them in by their middle on top of the hook shank at the hook bend. Fold the forward facing pieces of flash back over the hook bend and take 2-3 wraps of thread over their base to hold them in position. Trim the flash to extend about a hook shank length past the hook bend. The thread should be at the hook bend.
3. Now cut a clump of marabou and tie it in at the hook bend over the flash as a tail. The tips of the marabou should reach back to the tips of the flash undertail. Trim off any excess marabou butts. Return the thread to the hook bend.
4. Dub the thread and wrap a slightly tapered body forward covering the rear 2/3rds of the hook shank. Tie off the dubbing and remove any excess.
5. Select an appropriately sized hackle feather, remove the fluff from its base, and tie it in by its butt on top of the hook shank at the front of the dubbed body.
6. Palmer the hackle over the body back to the hook bend. Do not cut off the excess hackle, instead, grasp the floss rib and palmer it forward over the hackle and body to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess floss ribbing and hackle.

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7. Cut a 2" piece of rubber leg and fold it in its middle, then tie it in on the near side of the hook shank by its fold tight against the front of the body. Repeat this process on the far side of the hook. *(You should now have 2 legs on each side of the body of the fly and have about a 1/3rd of the hook shank open behind the hook eye.)* Trim the legs so that they reach to the back of the hook bend.
8. Cut, clean, and stack by the tips a clump of deer hair and measure it so that the tips reach back to the rear of the body. Tie it in on top of the hook shank in front of the body and spin it around the hook shank. Move the thread to the front of the hair and take a couple of wraps, then cut, clean, stack, and spin additional clumps of hair until you fill the area between the hook eye and the front of the body. *(After you have spun the first clump of hair, stack the remaining clumps by the butt ends and remove the tips before spinning. This will make it easier to shape the head.)* Remember to stroke the hair back between spinning each clump of hair.
9. Do a whip finish behind the hook eye and cut the thread. Stoke the hair upright, then, using a razor blade or scissors, cut the hair on the bottom of the hair head flat against the hook shank. Use scissors to form a muddler shaped head from the rest of the deer hair. Be careful not to cut the hair collar or the rubber legs. Apply head cement to the thread wraps.