

DRY SKUNK



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 10
Thread.....Black 6/0 or color to match body
Tail.....White Calf Tail
Body.....Small Crystal Chenille, color of choice
Underwing.....Pearl Krystal Flash
Overwing.....Deer Body Hair, natural
Legs.....White Round Rubber

1. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a small bunch of calf tail and clean away loose hair. Tie in the hair as a tail at the hook bend. The hair tips should extend about a hook gap length past the hook bend.
3. Wrapping the thread forward toward the hook eye, bind down the tail hair butts on top of the hook shank for about 2/3ds of the hook shank. Remove any excess hair butts and wrap the thread back to the tail tie-in point at the hook bend.
4. Cut a short length (3"- 4") of crystal chenille. Strip one end of the chenille down to the core. Tie the chenille in by the stripped core at the same place as the tail and then wrap the thread forward to just behind the hook eye. Now wrap the chenille forward in tight touching turns to about 1/8th inch behind the hook eye and tie it off. Let the thread hang. Remove any excess chenille. **(BE SURE TO NOT CROWD THE HOOK EYE.)**
5. Cut a batch of pearl crystal flash long enough to reach from the front end of the chenille body back to the end of the tail. Tie it in at the front end of the chenille body on top of the hook shank so that it reaches back to the end of the tail. Remove any excess flash and let the thread hang.

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6. Cut, clean, and stack a small batch of deer hair. With the hair tips pointing toward the tail, measure the hair so that it reaches from the back of the tail to just behind the hook eye, and tie it in behind the hook eye with several tight thread wraps. Be sure to hold the length of the hair tightly until you finish the thread wraps so that it does not flair.
7. Now wrap the thread in 1-2 wraps back to the middle of the body. Pull the length of the deer hair back over the top of the body and tie it down at the middle of the body with several tight thread wraps. Let the thread hang.
8. Cut two pieces of rubber leg about 2-3" long. Tie one leg in on each side of the body at the same point where the deer hair was tied down. Be sure to keep all the thread wraps for the legs in the same place as the wraps for the deer hair.
9. Do a whip finish at the same point as legs were tied in keeping the thread wraps all together over the leg wraps. Cut the thread.
10. Pull together the flaired hair butts over the hook eye and, holding them together straight out over the hook eye, cut them off level with the front edge of the hook eye creating a hair head. (Cutting the hair butts evenly is best achieved by laying the bottom blade of the scissors against the front of the hook eye and cutting straight up and down.)
11. Trim the rubber legs so that the front legs reach just in front of hook eye and the rear legs reach slightly past the tail.