

GRAY SCUD



Recipe

Hook.....Scud, size 14-18

Thread.....Black 6/0

Weight.....Lead wire

Tail.....Black or grizzly hackle fibers

Antennae..Black or grizzly hackle fibers

Rib.....Clear mono

Shellback..Clear plastic strip

Body.....Gray dubbing

Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in thread slightly behind hook eye and wrap back to just behind the hook barb. Let thread hang.
2. Take 10-12 black or grizzly hackle fibers and tie them in on top of the hook shank as a tail where you stopped the thread. The tail should point down the bend of the hook and be roughly the length of the hook gap. Trim excess hackle butts. Wrap the thread back to behind the hook eye and again tie-in 10-12 black or grizzly hackle fibers as antennae. The antennae should be on top of the hook shank, point out over the hook eye, and be roughly the length of the hook gap. Trim the excess hackle butts and wrap the thread back to mid shank.
3. Take a 2" piece of lead wire and make 8-10 wraps of lead in the middle of the hook shank. Remove excess lead wire.
4. Wrap thread over the lead and build up a thread ramp on both sides of the lead wire to form a smooth body tapered underbody. Wrap the thread back to just behind the hook barb.
5. Tie-in a 3-4" piece of thin mono or tippet material as a rib. The main length of the mono should extend back over the hook bend. Wrap the thread back to over the barb.

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6. Tie-in a 2-3" clear strip of plastic (can be commercial scud back or 1/4" wide strips of sandwich bags) by one end. The main length of the strip should point out over the hook bend. Wrap the thread back to over the hook barb and tie a half hitch.
7. Form a 2-3" dubbing loop with the thread over the hook barb and apply gray dubbing. Wrap thread forward to just behind the hook eye and let hang. Twist the dubbing loop to a medium tightness, then wrap it forward to slightly behind the hook eye and tie off. Let thread hang.
8. Carefully trim excess dubbing fuzz off the top of the body.
9. Grasp the plastic strip and pull it firmly over the top of dubbed body to just behind the hook eye and, while maintaining some tension on the strip, tie it off. Trim excess plastic strip.
10. Grasp the mono rib and wrap it forward in evenly spaced concentric turns (5-6 should be enough) over the body and plastic strip to just behind the hook eye and tie off. Ensure that you keep the plastic strip on top of the hook.
11. Form a thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement. Using a bodkin, pick out legs from the underside of the body.

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