

ITSY BITSY SPIDER



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 14

Thread.....6/0 or 8/0, color to match dubbing

Body.....Gray, tan, brown, or black dubbing covered with a thin clear plastic

Eyes.....Small black plastic bead chain

Legs.....Sili legs or any other synthetic legging material

1. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend.
2. Roll a small bunch of dubbing into a 1/4" diameter ball. (Applying a little dubbing wax to your fingers will help in forming the dubbing ball.)
3. Cut a small 2-3" square of clear thin plastic sheeting. (A dry cleaning bag or sandwich baggy is a good source.)
4. Fold the plastic around the dubbing ball and twist the ends together to form the spider body.
5. Take the dubbing body and tie it in at the hook bend on top of the hook shank so that it extends back over the hook bend. (See picture.) Remove as much excess plastic as possible and cover any remaining plastic butts with thread. Wrap the thread forward to about 1/8" behind the hook eye and let it hang.
6. Tie in the eyes about 1/8" behind the hook eye using figure eight thread wraps. Apply a drop of super glue to anchor the eyes in place. Wrap the thread back to the front of the dubbing ball body.

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7. Apply dubbing (use the same dubbing as you used in making the dubbing ball) to the thread and wrap it forward to the eyes then figure eight it through the eyes and then make a wrap in front of the eyes. Finish with the thread behind the eyes
8. Now take two lengths of leg material and fold them over the thread. Maintaining light pressure on the leg material and thread, slide the base of the leg material up to the back of the eyes on the near side of the hook shank and secure them with several thread wraps. Repeat this procedure for the far side of the hook shank. This should result in four legs on each side of the hook shank behind the eyes.
9. Do a whip finish over the leg thread wraps and cut the thread. If desired, apply a drop of cement or super glue to the thread wraps but be sure to avoid getting any cement on the legs as this will cause them to crinkle up.
10. Trim the legs to the desired length and you're done.