

Marabou Muddler

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The Marabou Muddler is an effective variation of the standard Muddler that fishes well subsurface. It is usually weighted, and with the exception of the head, very easy to tie. Popular colors are black, white, and yellow. This fly is heavily weighted with a body of gold Diamond Braid, coated with nail polish for protection from teeth. Sometimes I add a few peacock herls over the marabou, and on smaller flies a red hackle fiber tail.

I like to fish this Marabou Muddler in lakes. Red fluff from a saddle hackle for the tail, dubbed body, and a few strands of Krystal Flash in the marabou wing. Olive deer hair head shaped fairly flat and blunt. This pattern has been deadly on a slow troll in some of the valley lakes.



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TYING THE MARABOU MUDDLER

Hook: 2x-4x, 8-12

Materials:

Lead Wire

Gold Wrapping

Marabou (any color)

Deer Hair

Reflective Material (to interweave with marabou).

Thread:

A light color to blend with the deer hair.

Separate stronger thread for spinning deer hair.

Tying Instructions

1. Secure the hook in the vice, run the thread down the shank to the bend.
2. Tie in a tuft of bright red marabou as a tail, allow the waste ends to lie along the shank of the hook.
3. Take four inches of gold tinsel and tie it in at the base of the tail, allow the ends of this material to lie along the shank. Run the thread back up the shank using the waste ends to create an even base.
4. Take hold of the gold tinsel and begin to wind it along the hook. Ensure that the turns overlap slightly so that an even effect is produced. Creating a smooth base in the first place will greatly help this process.
5. Select a generous tuft of dyed yellow marabou and secure it in place in front of the body, so that the tips are level with those of the tail. Secure the wing in place with tight wraps of thread.
6. Add a few fibers of gold or pearl flashabou over the wing.
7. Position a bunch of natural deer hair so the tips lie back over the wing.
8. Make three turns of thread over the hair, pulling the thread tight will cause the hair to flare out.
9. As the deer hair flares it will spin around the hook creating a collar.
10. Secure the deer hair with tight turns of thread before repeating the process to fill up the gap to the eye.
11. Whip finish the thread and trim the deer hair to shape.