

OSCAR



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, 2xl, size 6-8

Thread.....Fire Orange or Orange 6/0

Tail.....Marabou, yellow

Underbody...Yellow 2mm foam and medium chartreuse estaz or equivalent

Overbody.....Bucktail, chartreuse

Legs.....Round yellow rubber

Underwing....Marabou, Fire Orange

Overwing.....Bucktail, chartreuse

Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread about 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Select a yellow marabou feather and tie it in as a tail on top of the hook shank at the hook bend. (The tail should be the length of the hook shank.) Wrap over the marabou butts to a point 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Trim off any excess butts and return the thread to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Tie-in a 4" piece of chartreuse estaz by one end at the hook bend. Trim off any excess butt.
4. Cut, clean, and stack a bunch of bucktail that is 2 1/2 hook shanks in length and about 1/4 " wide when flattened. Tie the hair in at the hook bend with the hair tips extending about 2 hook shank lengths back past the hook bend. Wrap thread tightly over the hair butts covering the rear 2/3^{rds} of the hook shank. (Keep the hair on top and do not allow it to spin around the hook shank. Ensure that the butts are entirely covered with thread wraps.) Trim off any excess hair butts. Apply super glue to the bound hair butts and allow it to dry. (This is to ensure that the hair does not turn on the hook shank.)

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5. Cut a strip of yellow foam 1" long and 1/4" wide and tie it in by one end at a point 1/4th of the hook shank behind the hook eye. (The length of the foam should be extending back toward the hook bend.) Keeping the foam on top of the hook shank, wrap tightly over the foam back to the hook bend, then fold the foam forward and wrap loosely over it back to a point 1/4 of the hook shank behind the hook eye. At that point, tie down the foam with tight thread wraps and remove any excess. (The idea here is to create a "humpy-like" foam body, tapered at both ends.) Wrap the thread back to a point slightly forward of mid hook shank and let the thread hang.
6. Cut 4 pieces of rubber leg material about 3" long and tie-in 2 pieces on each side of the body where the thread was left hanging. Ensure the leg pieces are tied-in at their middle. Wrap the thread forward to the front of the foam body and let it hang.
7. Now grasp the estaz and wrap it forward to the front of the foam body and tie it off. Ensure that a wrap of estaz is made between the front and back legs at their tie-in point to help separate the legs. Trim off any excess estaz and ensure the thread is located in front of the estaz body.
8. Grasp the bucktail and pull it forward firmly over the top of the body and tie it down tightly in front of the body. **DO NOT TRIM OFF THE REMAINING BUCKTAIL.** Ensure the bucktail has remained on top of the estaz body. Allow the bucktail to spread slightly as it is pulled over the body, creating a shellback-like cover.
9. Take a small bunch of fire orange marabou fibers and tie them in on top of the hook shank and bucktail at the point where the bucktail was tied down. This marabou will be the underwing and should extend back to slightly behind mid hook shank. Trim off any marabou butts.
10. Now grasp the remaining bucktail and fold it back over the body and marabou underwing, keeping it on top of the body as a wing. Wrap thread slightly back over base of the folded bucktail to ensure that the bucktail remains angled back over the body.
11. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the head, if desired.
12. Trim the rear legs equal with the end of the tail and the front legs about a hook gap in front of the hook eye.