

# PREDATOR



## Recipe

Hook.....Nymph, size 10 – 8  
Thread.....Black 6/0 (or color to match foam)  
Tail.....Z-lon or Krystal Flash, white or green  
Shellback...Green/Brown foam strip, 2mm  
Body.....Peacock Herl, twisted rope style  
Eyes.....Mono  
Legs.....Round rubber  
Head.....Tag end of foam strip

1. Tie-in thread at mid hook shank and wrap back to bend of hook. Trim thread tag.
2. Select a small amount of Z-lon or 4-6 strands of Krystal flash and tie - in as a tail at hook bend. Tail length should be about half the hook shank or as you like. (The tail can also be omitted if you desire.)
3. Cut a strip of green (or brown) foam approximately 1/4 to 1/2 inch wide (depending on hook size) and 4 inches long. Taper one end of the strip to a triangular point.
4. Tie in the foam strip by the point at the bend of the hook tight against the tail. Ensure that the long end of the strip is pointing back over the bend of the hook. When tying-in the point, ensure that you tie-in about 1/4 of the way up the point and cover the front of the point with thread wraps. If you tie the foam in right at the point, you will probably tear or break off the foam during later steps.
5. Select 4-6 peacock herls and trim off butt ends, then tie them in at the same point that you tied in the foam. Wrap the thread about 2/3 of the way up the hook shank and let it hang. Twist the herls together into a rope and wrap them 2/3 of the way up the hook shank to make a herl abdomen and tie them off. **DO NOT CUT OFF EXCESS HERL.**
6. Grasp the foam strip and pull it forward over the herl abdomen and tie it down.

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7. Now take the foam strip and lash it tightly against the top of the hook shank up to the hook eye and tie it off. Leave the remaining foam strip pointing out over the top of the hook eye.
8. Take a pair of mono eyes and tie them in on top of the foam right behind the hook eye.
9. Now select a 4-6" length of round rubber leg and tie it in behind the mono eyes on the near side of the hook with 2-3 thread wraps. Ensure that the rubber leg is tied-in by the middle so that you have two equal length legs. Repeat this procedure on the far side of the hook.
10. Grasp the remaining herl and wrap it forward to behind the mono eyes to create a thorax/head and hide the thread wraps tying down the foam. (If you want, you can also take a couple of wraps between mono eyes.) Tie off the herl and trim the excess. Wrap the thread in 1-2 wraps back to end of the abdomen and let it hang.
11. Take the forward section of leg on each side and lay it over the top of the mono eyes.
12. Grasp the remaining foam and pull it back over the mono eyes to the end of the abdomen and tie it off tightly with 4-6 thread wraps, then whip finish and trim off thread. Ensure that the legs that you laid over the mono eyes are not buried by the foam and are pointing forward in front of the eye.
13. Pull the remaining foam strip back toward the hook bend. Take your scissors and cut straight across the foam strip roughly  $\frac{1}{4}$ " behind the last tie down point. This will create a small collar.
14. Using your scissors, cut a shallow "V" notch in the collar.
15. Trim the legs to equal size. (The legs are generally no longer than the hook shank but you can make them longer or shorter at your discretion.)

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