

SERENDIPITY



Recipe

Hook.....Scud, size 12-18

Thread.....Color to match body

Body.....Z-lon, Antron yarn, or Wool yarn

Wing/Head.....Deer hair

1. Place the hook in the vice and tie-in the thread 3-4 hook eye lengths behind the hook eye. Wrap the thread back down the hook shank for a short distance and let the thread hang.
2. Take a 5-6" section of Z-lon or yarn and tie it in by one end about an 1/8" behind the hook eye, then keeping the yarn on top of the hook shank, cover it with thread wraps back to a point about half way down the hook bend. Make several tight thread wraps to tie off the yarn, then wrap the thread back to the yarn tie-in point
3. Twist the remaining length of Z-lon or yarn into a very tightly twisted cord, then wrap the twisted yarn back toward the hook eye in tight touching turns back to the yarn tie-in point and tie it off with tight thread turns and remove any excess. **It is suggested that you also tie a half hitch or whip finish at this point so that there is no chance of the twisted body coming loose.** *(Note: You will find that as you wrap the yarn forward it will start to untwist, so with each wrap, it is suggested that you retwist the yarn to keep it tight. The yarn must be tightly twisted to make the Serendipity's tightly segmented body.)*
4. Cut, clean, and stack a small batch of deer hair. Tie the batch of hair in by its middle at the end of the twisted body. *(The hair tips should be pointing toward the hook bend and the hair butts going out over the hook eye.)* Lift the hair at the hook eye and tie a whip finish right behind the hook eye. Cut the thread.
5. Remove the fly from the vise, and carefully using a razor blade or scissors, trim the hair to form an elk hair caddis style head. Trim the wing hair to equal the length of half of the body. *(See the picture.)*