

SHAKEY BEALY



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph/Hopper, size12
Thread..... Rusty Brown, 6/0-8/0
Tail..... Orange Flashabou Accent/Wood Duck
Rib..... Thread
Body..... Awesome Possum Dubbing, Amber or Yellow stone
Thorax..... Ostrich Herl, Orange
Hackle..... Hungarian Partridge or Speckled Hen
Head..... Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise. Cut a 4-5' piece of thread and set aside to use later as a rib. Now attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap 3-5 turns toward the hook bend, then wrap it forward to behind the hook eye. Trim off the thread tag and let the thread hang.
2. Select 4-5 strands of flash and fold them over at the middle and cut them to create 8-10 strands. Tie them in behind the hook eye with about 1½" extending forward over the hook eye. Keeping the remainder of the flash on top of the hook shank, make tight thread wraps over them back to over the hook point. Using the back of the hook bend as a guide, trim the flash even with the back of the hook bend to create a small undertail. Let the thread hang.
3. Snip about a dozen fibers from a Wood Duck feather and, keeping the tips as aligned as possible, tie them in on top of the flash tail over the hook point. Use the natural curve of the feather to make the fibers curve upward. The feather tail should be at least twice as long as the flash undertail. Make several tight thread wraps to secure the fibers, then cut off the butts.
4. Now tie-in the thread rib by one end where you tied-in the feather fibers. Return the thread to back tight against the tail.
5. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered body forward to about 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing. Let the thread hang.

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6. Take the rib thread and counter wrap it in evenly spaced turns to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess rib material. Let the thread hang.
7. Now grasp the flash in front of the hook eye and fold it back over the top of the body. Trim the flash so that its tips reach back to the middle of the tail, then stroke the flash back over the top of the hook eye. The thread should be at the front of the body.
8. Select an orange ostrich feather, clean off the fluff at its base, and tie it in by its butt in front of the body. Take tight thread wraps over the butt ending with thread about a hook eye length behind the hook eye. Grasp the herl and make touching turns forward to where you left the thread and tie it off. Remove any excess herl.
9. Grasp the remaining flash and pull it back over the herl so that half of it is on each side and tie it down. Make a few thread wraps back over the flash so that it lays back over the thorax.
10. Select a hackle feather and remove the fluff at its base. Tie it in by its tip and then, sweeping the fibers back, take two full turns of hackle forward to behind the hook eye and tie it off. You may have to take a few thread wraps over the hackle butts to make the fibers lay back over fly body. Remove any excess hackle.
11. Do a whip finish and apply head cement, if desired.