

SCREAMING BANSHEE



(Side View)



(Top View)

Recipe

Hook..... TMC 2487 #14-20
Thread..... 8/0 Uni, to match dubbing
Forward Wing.... Natural Yearling Elk Hair
Shellback..... Leftover butt ends of forward wing
Abdomen..... Small Opal Mirage Tinsel
Thorax..... Superfine Dubbing
Wing..... Natural Deer Hair

1. Start the thread just behind the eye and make a thread base back to the hook point. Return the thread to slightly behind the hook eye. Clean and stack a small clump of natural yearling elk hair (20 to 30 fibers) Use the longest fibers.
2. Spin your bobbin to twist the thread into a cord so it will bite tightly into the hair before binding the forward wing in place slightly behind the hook eye directly atop the hook. Anchor the hair in place with a tight, narrow band of thread.
3. Lift about half of the remaining butts ends up and trim them off behind the thread wraps.
4. Wrap back over the remaining butt ends to the bend of the hook (above the hook barb). Return the thread to just in front of the hook point, taking care to keep a smooth thread base over the hair.
5. Tie in a length of Opal Mirage Tinsel where your thread hangs in front of the hook point. Wrap the tinsel down the shank of the hook to the bend and then forward again to its starting point, forming a double layer body. Tie off and clip the excess tinsel.
6. Apply a tight, thin strand of dubbing to the thread and build an egg-shaped thorax that overlaps the front edge of the tinsel body.
7. Cut, clean and stack a generous clump of deer hair and measure it so it is a shank length long.
8. Clip the deer hock so it is exactly one shank length long and place the butt ends on top of the hook in front of the dubbed thorax.

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9. Place two wraps of thread over the butt ends of the deer hair and pull straight down on the bobbin to flare it in place. Leave the thread hanging at the tie down point, do not move it out of the butt ends of the hair. Lift the butt ends of the deer hair and carefully trim the butts off.
10. Use the tips of your scissors and your fingers to divide the deer hair wing into two equal halves.
11. Lift the remaining butt ends of the elk hair and pull them up between the divided wings. These butt ends will help to further divide and splay the deer hair.
12. Make two more turns over the butt ends of the elk hair directly atop the deer hair wing tie in location. Pull down on the thread to flare the elk on top of the butt ends of the deer hair wing.
13. Lift the butt ends of the elk hair and trim them even with the butt ends of the deer hair.
14. Lift the forward wing slightly, advance the thread forward to the front of the wing and build a small thread dam to prop the wing up slightly. Whip finish and clip the thread.

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