

THE BLUE THUNDER



Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 9671 or equivalent, size 4-8
Thread.....White and black, 6/0
Body.....Silver mylar piping, small
Wing.....White calf tail
Overwing.....Purple Flashabou or Flashabou Accent

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie the **white** thread in at the hook bend.
2. Cut a piece of mylar tubing slightly longer than the hook shank and remove the cotton core. Insert the hook eye into the tubing and slide the tubing down to the hook bend and tie it down there. (Tie the tubing down with several tight thread wraps placed one on top of the other.) Do a whip finish and cut the thread. Trim off any mylar tag ends. (Try to avoid having the tubing unravel at the ends.)
3. Tie-in the black thread right behind the hook eye and trim off any tag end.
4. Grasp the front end of the mylar, trim it so that it is slightly behind the hook eye, and tie it down there with several tight wraps of the black thread. Remove any remaining tag ends and build a small tight thread base behind the hook eye.
5. Now cut, clean, and stack a small to medium batch of calf tail hair to use for a wing. (Make the hair as long as possible.) Measure the hair so that the tips extend about a hook gap length past the hook bend, then tie the hair down behind the hook eye on top of the hook shank with several tight thread wraps. (You may wish to trim the hair butts even with the rear of the hook eye before tying the hair in. This can help avoid any problems with trimming hair that sticks out over the hook eye.) Cover the hair butts with thread for the beginning of a thread head. Let the thread hang behind the hook eye.
6. Cut 4-6 strands of flashabou and tie them in at their middle lengthwise on top of the wing behind the hook eye. Fold the front half of the flashabou back over the wing, tie it down, and form a neat thread head. Do a whip finish and cut the thread. Apply head cement if desired.

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7. Trim the flashabou so that it is slightly longer than the tip of the hair wing.

Note: This is a simplified guide version of the Blue Thunder. The original version was more time consuming to tie. Here is the original recipe:

Tail.....Golden Pheasant Crest
Rib.....Fine oval silver tinsel
Body.....Embossed silver tinsel
Wing.....White calf tail
Overwing.....Purple Flashabou with a golden pheasant crest on top
Throat.....Speckled purple guinea hen

