

## TWO BIT HOOKER



### Recipe

Hook.....Wet, size 18-22  
Beads..... Two to match hook size  
Thread.....Red, 6/0 or 8/0  
Rib.....Black thread, 6/0  
Thorax.....Rusty dubbing  
Flashback.....Flat tinsel, pearl  
Legs.....Hen hackle fibers, brown  
Tail.....Hen hackle fibers, brown

1. Place 2 beads on the hook and slide them up to the hook eye, then place the hook in the vise. Start the thread (Red) behind to beads and wrap it back to the hook bend, forming a tight thread base.
2. Tie-in 4-5 hen feather fibers at the hook bend as a tail. (The tail should be  $\frac{1}{2}$  the hook shank in length.) Keeping the fiber butts on top of the hook shank, wrap thread forward over them to the back of the beads. Remove any excess fiber butts. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut a 6" piece of black thread and tie it in by one end behind the beads with the length of it going back toward the hook bend. Keeping the black thread (ribbing) on top of the hook shank, wrap the red thread over it back to the hook bend. **DO NOT CUT THE REMAINING BLACK THREAD AS IT WILL BE THE RIB.**
4. Now wrap the red thread forward to the back of the beads, creating a slightly tapered thread abdomen as you go.
5. Take the black thread and wrap it forward over the abdomen in evenly spaced turns and tie it off behind the beads. Remove any excess black thread

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6. Tie in a 2"-3" piece of tinsel by one end on top of the hook shank right behind the beads and wrap thread over it back to about 1/4" behind the beads. The length of the tinsel should be extending back over the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
7. Dub the thread and wrap it back to behind the beads forming a dubbed thorax, then slip the dubbed thread over the backmost bead and fill in the space **between** the two beads with dubbing. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang between the beads.
8. Select a clump of hen back fibers and separate them into two bunches.
9. Tie one bunch in on either side of the hook shank **between** the two beads with several tight wraps of thread. The fibers should extend back to about the hook point. Remove any excess fiber butts and let the thread hang.
10. Now bring the tinsel forward and tie it off between the two beads with 2-3 tight wraps of thread. Trim off any excess tinsel.
11. Do a whip finish and cut the thread.
12. Coat the top of the flashback with epoxy or UV resin as an option.