

YUK BUG



Recipe

Hook.....Streamer/Nymph, size 2-10

Thread.....Suitable color 6/0

Weight.....Lead wire

Tail.....Gray Squirrel Tail

Rib.....(Optional) Fine gold wire/tinsel

Legs.....Med. Round Rubber, white

Body.....Black Chenille, Med.

Hackle.....Grizzly, sized for hook

Head.....Thread

1. Wrap a length of lead wire forward from just in front of the bend (leave enough room to tie in the tail) in tight spiral turns to approximately 1/8" behind hook eye. Then tie-in thread at hook eye, wrap over lead wire to lightly cover it, then wrap thread back to bend of hook. (You may optionally apply cement to lead wire if desired.)
2. Cut a section of squirrel tail so that you have two colors (gray and white). Remove underfur and tie in at bend on top of the hook as a tail. The tail should be just a tad longer than the hook shank. Trim off the hair butts where they meet the lead wire. Tightly wrap the hair butts and return thread to tail tie-in point.
3. If using a rib, tie-in 4-5" length of wire or tinsel at same point as tail.)
4. Cut a 5-6" piece of chenille, clean one end to reveal a short section of core, and tie-in exposed core end at same point you-tied in the tail.
5. Select an appropriately sized grizzly hackle, clean off fuzz, and tie-in butt at the tail tie-in point.
6. Now for the fun! Take three or four 3-4" sections of rubber leg material and tie them in at equal distances from each other onto the hook shank using any way you want (a figure eight wrap, a single thread wrap, etc). You can also tie the legs to go in any direction you want (straight in a line, up and down, etc.) I usually tie mine so that the legs are evenly spaced on each side but that's just me. There is no wrong way to tie the legs in! **The yuckier the better!**

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7. Once the legs are tied in, wrap the chenille in tight turns from butt of tail to one hook eye length behind hook eye. Wrap the chenille carefully between the legs to make a neat body and ensure that the legs point more or less perpendicular to the hook shank. (Make the first wrap of chenille behind the stem of the hackle.) Tie off chenille, trim the excess, and let thread hang.
8. Now palmer the hackle forward in evenly-spaced turns up the body and through the legs to the end of the body and tie it off. Trim the excess and let thread hang.
9. If using rib, counter-wrap wire/tinsel in evenly spaced wraps between hackle wraps and legs up to hook eye and tie off.
10. Form thread head, whip finish, cut thread, and apply head cement.
11. Trim the legs so they are only slightly longer than the hackle.

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