

ORANGE FISH HAWK



Recipe

Hook.....Long curved, Mustad C53S, sz 10 - 16

Thread....Orange/Black, 6/0 or 8/0

Tag/Rib...Flat gold tinsel.

Body.....Orange floss

Hackle.....Badger hen hackle or equivalent

Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to just above the hook point. Remove the thread tag and let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 6" piece of tinsel and tie it in by one end with the gold side against the hook shank where you left the thread over the hook point. The length of the tinsel should extend back past the hook bend.
3. Cut a 12' piece of floss and tie it in by one end where you tied-in the tinsel. The length of the tinsel should extend past the hook bend. Wrap the thread back to 1/8th inch behind the hook eye and let it hang.
4. Now grasp the floss and wrap it forward in overlapping wraps to about an 1/8th inch behind the hook eye. Now reverse direction and wrap it back to where you tied it in, then reverse direction again and wrap it forward to the front of the floss body and tie it off. Remove any excess floss.

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5. Grasp the tinsel and make 2-3 wraps down the hook bend to create a tag, then wrap the tinsel forward to the rear of the floss body. Now Palmer the tinsel forward over the floss body in 5-6wraps and tie it off. Remove any excess tinsel.
6. Select a hackle feather and tie it in by the butt tight against the front of the floss body with the length of the feather going back toward the hook bend. Wrap thread over the butt end forward to behind the hook eye. Now grasp the feather, stroke the fibers back, and make a wrap tight against the front of the floss body. Continue to make another 4-5 hackle wraps forward, stroking the fibers back with each wrap, then tie off the hackle feather slightly behind the hook eye. Remove any excess hackle. Fold the feather fibers back over the floss body and make 2-3 thread wraps over their front to help them lie back over the body.
7. Form a thread head, whipfinish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement if desired.

Note: If desired, at the end of step 6 you can switch to black thread to form the head.