PIKE RED DEVIL



Recipe

Hook......Mustad 3366 or equivalent, size 1 – 3/0
Thread.....White or Red, 3/0
Weight....Lead wire, size .20 (Optional)
Eyes......Spirit River Deep Sea Eyes, 3/8", Black or Silver with Red, Black, or Silver stick-on pupils
Flash......Pearl Krystal Flash
Wing......White Schlappen feathers
Collar......Red and White Crosscut Rabbit Zonker Strips
Head......Thread

- 1. Flatten the barb on the hook and put it in your vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back down the hook shank to a point 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye.
- 2. Tie-in the eyes at the 1/3 point using figure eight cross wraps. (It is recommended that you apply super glue to the eye thread wraps to keep the eyes from turning on the hook shank.)
- 3. Wrap the thread back behind the eyes and tie-in 4-8 strands of flash (doubled) on top of the hook shank with the flash extending back past the hook bend. Wrap the thread back over the flash to the hook bend. (The flash should extend at least 2-3" past the hook bend.) (If the fly is to be weighted, make 4-6 wraps of lead wire in the center of the hook shank behind the eyes, then tie-in the thread and build a thread ramp at the front and back of the lead wire, covering the lead with thread for a smooth body, then tie-in the flash and wrap the thread back to the hook bend.)
- 4. Select four equally sized schlappen feathers, strip the fluff from their base, and tie them in as a wing/tail at the hook bend with 2 feathers on each side of the hook shank. The

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Instructor: Bill "Woody" Woodward Photography by Bob Cain feathers should be tied-in so that they splay out from the hook shank. Wrap over the feather butts to just behind the eyes. Trim off any excess butts and return the thread to the wing/tail tie-in point. (The wing/tail should extend past the hook bend by 3-4".)

- 5. Tie-in a short piece of red crosscut rabbit zonker strip at the tail tie-in point and wrap it forward for 2-4 close wraps, then tie it off and remove any excess. (The hair should flow toward the hook bend.)
- 6. Now tie-in a longer white crosscut rabbit zonker strip in front of the red zonker strip and wrap it forward in close wraps to behind the eyes and then figure eight wrap it over the eyes and tie it off slightly behind the hook eye. (Again, ensure that the hair flows toward the hook bend.) Remove any loose hair around the hook eye and form a substantial thread "nose" between the hook eye and the front of the eyes. Whip finish, and cut the thread. (It is suggested that you do two whip finishes for durability.)