

## SIMPLE DEER HAIR BASS BUG



### Recipe

Hook..... 3XL-4XL Streamer, size 2-10  
Thread ..... White 6/0 or color to match deer hair  
Tail.....Marabou, color of choice  
Flash.....Color of choice  
Body..... Deer Hair, natural or color of choice  
Head.....Thread  
Eyes.....Optional

### The Spin Cycle

Hold a clipped and cleaned clump of hair in the first three fingers of your left hand. The midpoint of the clump should be just outside of your fingertips.

Put the clump next to the front of the tail on the hook shank and angle the clump slightly. Take up the bobbin and make two loose wraps of thread around the clump and the hook shank. These wraps should be around the middle of the clump, and the second wrap must be directly on top of or alongside the first one.

Now comes the tricky part. Slowly pull straight down on the thread and you'll see the hair start to flare as the thread tension begins to increase. When the hair has begun flaring, start letting go of the hair clump. Keep some slight finger pressure on it to control the hair while it starts to flare and spin around the hook. Take additional wraps of thread around the hair to keep it spinning until it stops spinning. Take a wrap of thread through the hair to the front of the spun hair and take two additional wraps at the front of the spun hair to anchor it. Then pack the thread back and apply a drop of cement to hold it.

Congratulations, you've spun deer hair. Recipe follows:

1. Tie on the thread slightly in front of hook bend.
2. Tie on 6 strands of Flash where you tied in the thread.
3. Cut a small batch of marabou and tie it in on top of the flash as a tail. *{The tail should be slightly longer than the hook shank.}* Be sure to bind down the marabou butts tightly and remove any excess butts. At this point you should only have the rear 1/8th of the hook shank covered with thread. The rest of the hook shank should be clear.
4. Cut, clean and stack a small batch of deer hair. *{Do not remove the hair tips}*. Now spin this hair *{with the tips toward the hook bend}* right at the end of the tail as described above. Pack the hair and take 2-3 wraps of thread forward up the hook shank. The tips of the hair you just spun should flare out over the tail as a collar.
5. Cut, clean, stack and spin a second batch of deer hair as in step 4 above, except you will cut off the tips of the hair. Pack this hair back tight against the first batch, then wrap the thread forward for 2-3 wraps of thread.
6. Continue spinning and packing batches of hair until you have filled the entire hook shank right up to the hook eye. As space on the hook shank decreases, it may be necessary to lessen the amount of hair being spun.
7. At the hook eye, do a whipfinish or two if desired, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the thread wraps.
8. Now, using a razor blade or scissors, trim the hair to whatever shape you desire, taking care not to cut the hair collar at the tail. You should cut the hair at the bottom of the bug flat to open the hook gap.