

BARR'S SLUMPBUSTER



Recipe

Hook.....size 10 3X long 1X strong down eye streamer hook

Thread.....UTC 70 black

Weight.....4.8mm brass cone (size to hook) and lead wire

Body.....UTC sparkle braid – green, red, chartreuse, silver (choose what you like)

Wire.....small ultrawire of any color

Tail/Head.....pine squirrel strip in olive

1. Place cone on the hook. Wrap 10 wraps of lead wire and push wire into the cone.
2. Start your thread behind the lead wire, building a small dam of thread to keep the cone in place.
3. Take thread wraps over the lead wire to secure it in place.
4. Wrap thread backwards to slightly behind the hook point.
5. Tie in 6-8" of sparkle braid at the point where you stopped your thread.
6. Tie in 6" of wire at the same tie in point as the sparkle braid.
7. Take wraps forward and backward building up a smooth body of thread from the hook point to the lead wraps.
8. Wrap your thread forward to behind the cone.
9. With close touching wraps, wrap the sparkle braid forward and tie down just behind the cone.
10. Cut a piece of pine squirrel zonker to about 4 times the length of the hook.
11. Prepare the zonker by orienting the fibers tips so they face the bend of the hook and strip a small section of fiber from the tip of the strip closest to the head.
12. Tie in the zonker strip just behind the cone, pushing the bare strip into the cone.
13. Cut the zonker strip at the rear of the fly to about one shank length. Do not discard the extra material.

14. Using the wire to lash the zonker to the hook, part the squirrel hair and take open wraps along the shank until you reach the tie in point. Part the squirrel hair before you take your next wrap to ensure all the fibers are free of the wire.
15. Tie the wire down behind the cone and trim or helicopter the excess free.
16. Take the excess squirrel zonker, orient the fibers in the opposite direction of the tail, and tie it in front of the tail portion.
17. Take two to three wraps of the zonker forward while preening the materials backwards.
18. Tie off the zonker collar and whip finish.