



“ARTICULATED EGG SUCKING LEECH”

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MATERIALS

HOOK: Two #6 heavy wire or salmon hooks. You can use a cheap hook for the front hook which will be cut off.

THREAD: 3/0 Black

CONNECTOR LINE: Some kind of braided line, fly-reel backing works, 20—50 lb. test.

BODY: Black rabbit strip “zonker” style and black rabbit strip “cross-cut”.

HEAD: Peacock herl (two).

Steelhead season is here!

January 2007 brings outstanding instructions and photos for tying flies. We have a group of CFFU fly tying experts who have agreed to write this column. This month we again offer a steelhead fly, which was demonstrated at the October 2006 meeting. Watch for more great flies from Robert Rountree, Dell Clark and Rich Trimble, with fill-in articles from our Demo’s and maybe even Tim Au-Young.

Tying Instructions

QUICK TIE DIRECTIONS

1. Attach connector line to rear hook through eye, tie down with thread and super glue.
2. Tie in rabbit strip.
3. Cut and smooth front hook. Run connector line through front eye, knot and secure it behind eye, tie down and super glue.
4. Tie in crosscut strip, palmer to 1/4 inch from eye. Tie in Egg Chenille.

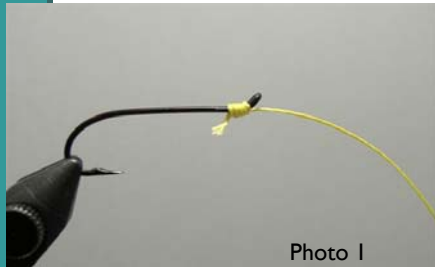


Photo 1

DETAILED DIRECTIONS

1. Photo 1—Attach connector line to rear hook through eye. Use “snelled” type knot or several half-hitches. Leave 4 inches free for front hook. Tie down with 3/0 thread and super glue. (Photo 1 above)

2. Photo 2—Tie in rabbit strip at bend. Leave about 1/4 inch of the rabbit “hide” for the tail. The fur will extend further. Run thread to eye and tie in strip there and whip finish. Cut off both strip and black thread. (Photo 2 at right)



Photo 2



Photo 3

3. Photo 3—Cut front hook at bend, file or sand any burrs, put stub in vise and start 3/0 thread on shank. Run connector line through front eye. Adjust length between hooks as desired (1/8 inch or more), then knot it behind the eye with several half hitches. Tie down with thread and super glue. (Photo 3 at left)

4. Photo 4—Tie in crosscut strip at bend and palmer to 1/4 inch from eye, leaving space for the egg. (Be sure the fur faces backward when palmering.) Tie in egg chenille and you are done! (Photo 4 at right)



Done!

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VARIATION—Instead of cutting off strip as in picture 2, leave it hanging, then tie on forward hook. You would not use crosscut strip.