



“Lola’s Mink”

April 2010 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed
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This fly comes with a lot of nostalgia. It was developed by my brother using remnants from our late aunt Lola’s mink coat, thus “Lola’s Mink.” The fly is very easy to tie and has been effective for small cutthroats in streams and brook trout in the Southern Sierras. Hook size 10 or smaller is usually used (the example is a size 12). The fly can be weighted with a bead head or lead wire, if desired.

Tying Instructions

MATERIALS

HOOK: TMC 100 (or whatever you have that suits you)

THREAD: Black

RIBBING: Thin Gold Wire

TAIL: Mink Fur (about 1/3—1/2 of hook shank length)

FLASH: Krystal Flash, U.V. Pearl (length of tail and wing)

BODY: Small Black Chenille

WING: Mink Fur (about 1/2 of hook shank length)

(PHOTO 1) Place de-barbed hook in vice and add a foundation of thread on the hook’s shank. Tie in the mink fur tail near the hook’s eye and wrap back over the fur to the bend of the hook.

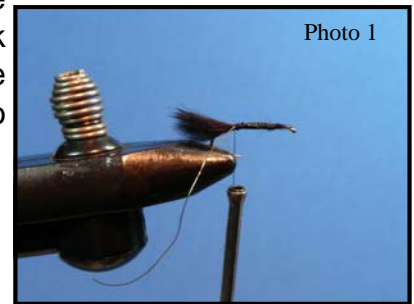


Photo 1

(PHOTO 2) Add a length of fine gold wire ribbing to be counter wrapped over the body. Add one strip of Krystal Flash on each side of the tail. Tie in the small black chenille and wind forward to form the body.

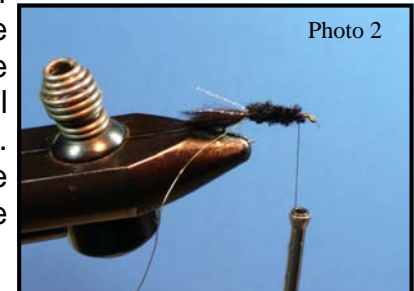


Photo 2

(PHOTO 3) Leave enough room to add the wing. Counter wrap the fine gold wire over the body and tie off.

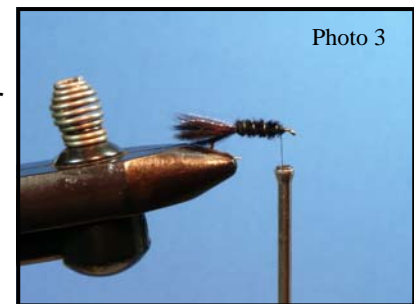


Photo 3



Photo 4

(PHOTO 4) Tie in the mink fur wing and add one strip of Krystal Flash on each side of the wing. Form a head, whip finish and add head cement and there is “Lola’s Mink.”

You are done!