



“JANSEN’S MARABOU LEECH”

Tied and photographed
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MATERIALS

ORIGINATOR: Hal Jansen

HOOK: TMC 52638BL #6 (Barbless 3XL
Steamer Hook)

THREAD: 6/0 Black.

TAIL: Marabou, (Black, olive, maroon,
brown.)

1st WING: Marabou

2nd WING: Marabou

3rd WING: Marabou

4th WING: Marabou

HEAD: Tying thread w/head cement

After finding some large leeches in the stomachs of some Baum Lake trout last January, I decided a new pattern was called for. Up until then, the only "leech" pattern in my fly box was a Wooly Buzzer. But the venerable old Buzzer really does not look that much like a real leech, which undulates seductively through the water, and thus began my search for a simple but effective leech pattern. Jansen's Marabou Leech is a basic, yet elegant, one material pattern that harkens back to a simpler time. While I have not fished this pattern yet, I have talked to quite a few old timers who consider Jansen's Leech to be their "secret weapon".

Tying Instructions

1. **(Photo 1)** Lay a thread base and tie in a marabou tail, shank length.



Photo 1

2. **(Photo 2)** Trim butts, wrap down, and advance thread about a gape width before tying in the first wing. The wing should be just a bit shorter so they blend together.



Photo 2

3. **(Photo 3)** Trim butts of wing, wrap down, advance thread gape width, and tie in 2nd wing.



Photo 3

4. **(Photo 4)** Trim butts, wrap down, advance thread, and tie in 3rd wing.



Photo 4

5. **(Photo 5)** Trim butts, advance thread, and tie in final wing just behind the eye.



Photo 5

6. **(Photo 6)** Trim butts, build a thread head, whip finish and if desired finish with head cement.



(Photo 6).

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OPTIONS: Flashabou or Krystal Flash could be added for a bit more flash. Fly could also have a bean/cone head or be weighted in the front with lead wraps to add a jigging action on retrieve. Number of wings is a function of the size of the fly. Larger flies might need more clumps of marabou, and a smaller size would need fewer.