



# One Feather Wooly Bugger

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This fly is really basic... no fancy hackle, no copper wire, just a little lead on the hook, tie in and wrap. And, yes, it works, very, very well!

You can't get much simpler than this, one feather, tie in the tip for a tail, twist the feather and wrap a body, tie off. My experience is that this fly can be tied in less than 30 seconds, and works just as well as the more complicated versions. Try some with gold or copper bead heads or lead eyes.

**HOOK:** Size 6 to 14 streamer hook, 2x1 to 4x1

**THREAD:** Color to match feather

**MATERIAL:** Lead wire, gold or copper bead head if desired.

**BODY:** One full marabou feather, color of choice.

## Tying Instructions

1. Wrap the hook shank with 6 to 12 wraps of lead wire. (See Figure 1 above) Tie in the thread and wrap the lead wire to secure it in place. Move the thread to a point just above the hook barb. (Figure 2 at right).

2. Choose a nice fat marabou feather—black is used here, but green, brown and purple are all popular. (Figure 3 at right)..

3. Grasp the marabou feather just behind the tip and place on the hook shank measuring out a nice tail for the fly. Tie in the feather as shown forming the tail. Wrap securely and leave the thread in place just above the hook point (Figure 4 below).

4. The remainder of the feather will be sticking out along the hook shank. Grasp the base of the feather with a hackle pliers or your fingers and twist the feather to form a tight but furry looking strand. (Figure 5)



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

5. Wrap the strand forward to just behind the hook eye. Wrap the thread forward securing the body in place and tie off the feather body just behind the hook eye. (Figure 6 above)

7. Trim off the feather and form a nice neat head... and you're done! (Figure 7 at left)



Figure 7

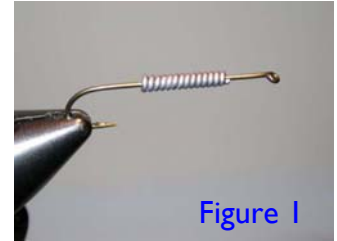


Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

This fly is great when conditions are tough, studded with rocks, sticks, debris—those places where losing flies is the norm. So be reckless! When flies are this easy and cheap to tie, and work so well, you won't be so reluctant to put it in the tough spots where the big boys are... (and they're good for bass, too).