

BACKSTABBER CARP FLY



Recipe

Hook.....Long shank curved, size 4-8

Thread.....Olive, 6/0

Eyes.....Black or plated dumbbell eyes, sized for hook

Body.....Red squirrel nymph dubbing

Tail.....Burnt orange marabou

Collar.....India hen, natural brown (1-2 feathers)

Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie-in the thread behind the hook eye. Wrap the thread back to the middle of the hook shank, then reverse direction and wrap the thread forward to a point 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.
2. Select a dumbbell eye and tie it in about a 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye using tight figure eight wraps. End with the thread at the back of the dumbbell eyes.
3. Now wrap the thread back to over the hook barb. Dub the thread and wrap a dubbed body back to behind the dumbbell eyes, then figure eight the dubbed thread around the dumbbell eyes to cover any thread wraps. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang at the front of the dumbbell eyes.
4. Turn the hook upside down in the vise.
5. Select a plume of marabou and measure the fibers to be 1½ times the length of the hook shank. Tie it in at the **front** of the dumbbell eyes with the tips of the marabou reaching back past the hook bend. **Do not let the marabou spin around the hook shank.** Remove any excess marabou and cover the butts with thread wraps. End with the thread tight against the front of the dumbbell eyes.

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6. Select 1-2 hen hackles and remove the fluff from their butts. Align both feathers and tie them in together by their tips at the front of the marabou. Make 2-3 wraps forward toward the hook eye and tie them off. Remove any excess feathers.
7. Form a neat thread head making sure to wrap over the feather butts slightly to make the feathers lay back. Whip finish and cut the thread.

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