

# CRAVEN'S WIGGLE DAMSEL



## Recipe

### Tail Section

Hook.....Nymph, long curved, size 14

Thread.....Olive, 6/0 or 8/0

Tail.....Marabou fibers, olive

Abdomen.....Marabou fibers, olive

### Thorax Section

Hook.....Dry, size 14

Connector.....Monofilament

Eyes.....Bead chain, small

Tail.....Marabou fibers, olive

Thorax.....Marabou fibers, olive

Wing case.....Marabou fibers, olive

Head.....Thread

### Tail Section

1. Place the hook in the vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread base back to the hook barb. Let the thread hang.
2. Select 8 – 10 bushy marabou fibers and strip them from the quill. Pinch the ends off the fibers to even them up, then tie the tips in as a tail at the hook bend on top of the hook shank with 2-3 tight wraps of thread. The tail should be  $\frac{1}{2}$  hook shank in length. The length (butts) of the fibers should be going toward the hook eye.
3. Lift the marabou butts and move the thread in front of them, then wrap the thread forward to behind the hook eye. Now wrap the marabou butts forward in touching turns to behind the hook eye and tie them off. Remove any excess butts
4. Form a thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.
5. Take a pair of wire cutters and cut the bend off of the hook shank.

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## Thorax Section

6. Place the hook in the vise, tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread base back to the hook barb. Let the thread hang.
7. Cut a 3-4" inch length of 3x monofilament. Thread the line through the tail section hook eye and then firmly lash both ends of the mono line to the side of shank of the front hook. *Note: Carefully position the tail section so that the tail hook eye is directly behind the main part of the front hook shank and keep the connecting loop short with just enough slack space to assure that the tail has room to wiggle when fishing the fly.* (If the loop is too long the tail section will foul around the bend of the front hook.) After making sure the trailer hook is properly positioned, firmly wrap the thread forward over both ends of the mono line to behind the hook eye and then fold the mono line back and wrap back over it for several wraps. Remove any excess mono line and return the thread back to a point about three hook eye lengths behind the hook eye and let it hang.
8. Select a pair of bead chain eyes and tie them in on top of the hook shank using tight figure eight wraps about three hook eye lengths behind the hook eye. Move the thread back to the hook bend.
9. Cut another small clump of 8-10 marabou fibers and even the tips by pinching them off. Measure the tips to equal  $\frac{1}{2}$  the hook shank and tie them in on top of the hook shank as a tail at the hook bend. The marabou butts should be going toward the hook eye.
10. Lift the marabou butts and wrap the thread in front of them and forward to behind the bead chain eyes. Now wrap the marabou butts forward to behind the eyes, then wrap them **under** the bead chain eyes and tie them off **behind the hook eye**. **DO NOT CUT OFF THE EXCESS BUTTS.**
11. Now wrap the thread back over the top of the bead chain eyes and around the hook shank right behind the bead chain eyes. Pull the remaining marabou butts back over the middle of the bead chain eyes, forming a wing case, and tie them off right behind the bead chain eyes.
12. Pull the remaining marabou butts forward again over the bead chain eyes and trim them off even with the **front of the hook eye**. This will leave a small tuft of marabou behind the eyes.
13. Whip finish behind the bead chain eyes and cut the thread.