

GIANT BLACK STONEFLY



Recipe

Hook.....Streamer/Nymph, size 2-8

Thread.....Black 6/0

Weight.....Lead wire

Tail.....Black goose biots

Rib.....Black Larva Lace or equivalent

Abdomen...Black rabbit dubbing

Wing case..Three turkey quill segments

Thorax.....Black rabbit dubbing

Antenna.....Black goose biots

Head.....Black rabbit dubbing and thread

1. Tie-in thread at middle of hook shank and wrap back to over the barb of the hook. Now wrap a short length of lead wire to cover the **middle half of the hook shank**. Then wrap the thread over the lead wire to cover it while forming thread ramps at both ends of the lead. Once you have covered the lead wire with thread and created the ramps, take a pair of pliers and flatten the lead wire on the top and bottom of the hook shank to create a wide lead body. Wrap the thread back to hook bend. You may optionally apply cement to lead wire if desired.)
2. With the thread, create a small thread “bump” over the hook bend. This will cause the biots to flare outward when tied in.
3. Now select two Black goose biots and tie them in, one on each **side** of the hook bend tight right behind the thread bump. Bind down the butt ends back to the lead weight. Trim off excess biot butt and return thread to the tie-in point. **The biot tail length should equal ½ the hook shank length.**
4. Tie-in 4-5” length of black Larva Lace ribbing over the hook bend at the biot tie-in point. Trim excess butt of the larva lace. Return the thread to over the hook bend.
5. Dub the thread with dubbing and wrap a tapered dubbed abdomen to just past the middle of the hook shank. Remove excess dubbing. Wrap the rib forward in evenly spaced turns over the abdomen. Tie it off and trim the excess ribbing.

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6. Select a mottled turkey quill that has been treated with Dave's flexament, fixative, or similar material, and cut three wing case segments, each equal in width to the hook gap. Cut or burn the tips of the segments to a stonefly shape. Trim the bottom of the segments square.
7. Holding the wing case segment so that it folds over the abdomen, tie-in one segment shiny side up at the end of the abdomen with the shaped end extending back to mid hook shank. Use only two or three tight wraps. Make sure the segment is centered on top of the hook. Trim off excess segment butt and return the thread to the segment tie-in point.
8. Dub the thread and make several wraps forward, forming the first part of the thorax. Ensure that the dubbing wraps cover the thread wraps binding down the wing case segment. Remove the excess dubbing.
9. Repeat step 7, folding the wing case segment so that the formed tip reaches to the mid-point of the previous segment and folds over the thorax segment that you just dubbed. Use several tight thread turns to bind down the segment. Ensure that the segment is centered on top of the hook. Trim off the segment excess and return the thread back to the segment tie-in point.
10. Repeat step 8. Ensure that there is sufficient room for another segment and a large head.
11. Repeat step 9. Ensure that the segment tip reaches back to the mid-point of the previous segment. Wrap the thread to just behind the hook eye.
12. Select two black goose biots and tie them in as antenna behind the hook eye, one on each side of the hook shank. The hook eye should cause them to split. The antenna length should equal $\frac{1}{2}$ the hook shank. Trim off biot butts and wrap the thread back against the wing case.
13. Dub the thread and make 2-3 wraps forward to behind the hook eye forming a large head. Ensure that all thread wraps are covered. Remove excess dubbing and form a small thread head right behind the hook eye. (You will probably have to cover some of the dubbing, but that's okay.)
14. Whip finish, cut thread, and apply head cement. Brush the dubbing on the sides of the thorax.

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