

GREEN-BUTT SKUNK



Recipe

Hook.....Salmon or Wet, size 8-2/0
Thread.....Black 6/0
Tail.....Red hackle fibers
Butt.....FL Chartreuse or bright green chenille
Rib.....Flat or Oval silver tinsel
Body..... Black chenille
Hackle.....Black
Wing.....White calftail
Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in thread behind hook eye and wrap back to hook bend. Let thread hang.
2. Take 10-15 red hackle fibers, even the tips, and tie them in as a tail. The length of the tail should equal the hook gap. Trim off the hackle butts.
3. Take a short length of FL chartreuse or bright green chenille and remove the chenille at one end to expose a short length of core. Tie in the chenille by this exposed core at the same point where you tied-in the tail. Move the thread forward about 1/5th of the hook shank. Now wrap the chenille forward 1/5 of the hook shank and tie off. Trim excess chenille and let thread hang.
4. Now tie-in a 2-3" length of tinsel at the end of the FL chenille to serve as a rib. Let the tinsel and thread hang.
5. Take a 4-5" section of black chenille, expose the core at one end, and tie it in by this core tight against the end of FL chenille. Wrap the thread forward to about an 1/8th inch behind the hook eye. Wrap the chenille forward to about 1/8th inch behind the hook eye and tie off. Trim excess chenille and let thread hang.
6. Grasp the tinsel rib and wrap it forward in 4-5 evenly spaced turns over the black chenille and tie it off. Remove the excess tinsel and let the thread hang.

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7. Select a black hackle feather, trim the fluff off the butt, and tie it in by the tip at the end of the black chenille. Make 2-3 turns of the hackle and tie it off. Trim the excess hackle butts. Stroke the hackle fibers back and down and cover the butt end with thread to hold them down as a collar throat. Let the thread hang.
8. Cut a small section of calf tail, remove any loose fibers, and tie it in as a wing on top of the hook shank using 2 soft loops. The wing should extend back past the end of the body slightly but not be longer than the tail. Once the length is right, finish tying down the wing with several tight turns of thread. Trim off the excess hair butts behind the hook eye and cover them with thread to form a head. Do not cover the hook eye.
9. Whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement, or, for a more finished look, a coat of black lacquer or nail polish.

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