

## HAIR MOUSE



### Recipe

Hook.....Streamer 2XL, size 2/0 - 10  
Thread.....Black or white GSP, 6/0, or 3/0, your choice  
Tail.....Chamois strip  
Body.....Deer hair, natural or color of your choice  
Ears.....Chamois or any other thin leather  
Whiskers.....Moose hair  
Eyes.....Black Marker or black glass beads  
Nose.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie the thread in at the hook bend. Trim off any thread tag.
2. Cut a thin chamois strip about 4" long. Trim both ends to a point, then, with the length of the strip extending beyond the hook bend, tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank right at the hook bend with several tight thread wraps. ***(Be sure to keep the tie-in wraps tight to avoid building up a big bump.)*** Trim off any excess butt and let the thread hang. ***(It may be advisable to place a drop of super glue over the tail tie-in wraps to ensure it stays firmly in place.)***
3. Cut and clean a small bunch of deer hair, then trim off the tips. **Stack** this bunch of hair on the **bottom** of the hook shank at the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
4. Cut, clean, and **stack** another small bunch of hair and measure it for length (the length of the hook shank), and trim the butts at that point. Place the hair **on top** of the hook shank at the hook bend with the tips going out over the hook bend. Make 2 light wraps of thread over the hair just behind the butts (ie: just enough hair sticking out that the thread will catch all the hairs.), then tighten the thread while holding the hair firmly on top of the hook shank. Cover the butts with tight thread wraps and wrap the thread back tight against the hair.
5. Repeat step 3 again on the **bottom** of the hook shank immediately in front of the hair you just stacked.

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6. Now repeat step 4 **on top** of the hook shank immediately in front of the last hair bunch.
7. Depending on the size of the hook, repeat steps 3 and 4 until you have covered a little more than 2/3 of the hook shank. Be sure to periodically compress the hair with a hair packer to keep the body dense and tight.
8. Clip a set of small Mickey Mouse ears from a piece of chamois and tie them in by their middle on top of the hook shank tight against the front of hair body using tight figure 8 wraps.
9. Cut and clean another small bunch of hair and trim off the tips. **Spin** this hair on the hook shank directly in front of the ears, then compress it back. Spin additional bunches of hair until the whole hook shank up to the hook eye is filled, then do a whip finish and cut the thread.
10. Take a razor blade (a double safety razor works best) and trim the hair flat on the bottom of the hook all the way back to the hook bend. Be careful, take your time, and don't bleed all over your fly.
11. Starting behind the hook eye, shape a mouse-like conical head back to the ears.
12. Now take a black waterproof marker and color in a pair of eyes in front of the ears or apply a small drop of super glue in front of each ear and carefully apply a glass bead (see the picture).
13. Tie-in black thread right behind the hook eye, then tie in 3 moose hair fibers as whiskers on each side of the head behind the hook eye. Form a small black "nose", whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the thread "nose", if desired.