

HOME INVADER STREAMER



Recipe

Hook.....Streamer, 3-4xl, size 2-8
Weight.....Lead Wire, .20
Thread.....6/0, color to match body
Eyes.....Painted dumbbell, yellow or red
Tail.....Marabou, Brown
Collar.....Artic Fox fur, tan or color of choice
Flash.....Flashabou Accent, Copper
Hackle.....Grizzly or Variant
Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise then make touching wraps of lead wire starting about 2-3 hook eye lengths behind the hook eye back . Wrap the wire back toward the hook bend and cover the front **1/3rd** of the hook shank. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it over the lead wire to hold it in place. Finish with the thread on the lead wire about **1/4th** of the hook shank behind the hook eye.
2. Take a pair of dumbbell eyes and tie them in where you left the thread on top of lead wire. Use tight x-wraps of thread to bind down the dumbbell eyes on top of the hook shank and lead wire, then wrap the thread back to the rear of the lead wraps.
3. Select 1-2 marabou feathers for a tail (*you want the tail to be bushy*) and tie them on top of the hook shank just past the rear of the lead wraps. The tail should be about twice the length of the hook shank. Cover the butts with thread back to behind the dumbbell eyes, then remove any excess marabou butts.
4. Form a 4"-5" dubbing loop, then cut swatches of fox fur from its skin, clean the guard hairs from the fur, then place the fur in the dubbing loop (spread the fur out in the loop and try to keep the fibers off center so that the tip side is longer than the butt side). Spin the loop into a fur chenille (you will need to brush out the fur fibers after you've spun it as the fur will flatten out in the loop and initially look like a fur rope.)

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5. Now wrap the fur dubbing brush in front of marabou tail forward to the dumbbell eyes, then then x-wrap it around the eyes, finishing with 1-2 wraps in front of the dumbbell eyes. Tie off the brush, remove any excess, then brush the fur out again to get the best length possible. The fur should flow back over the tail like a collar. Leave the thread in front of the dumbbell eyes. Remove the hook from the vise and then place it back in the vise with the hook point in the up position.
6. Cut 8-10 strands of flash and tie them in by their middle in front of the dumbbell eyes on top of the hook shank, then fold the front half of the flash back over the middle of the dumbbell eyes and tie them down in front of the dumbbell eyes. Trim the flash to be slightly longer than the length of the tail.
7. Select two hackle feathers long enough to stretch from the dumbbell eyes back to End of the tail. Remove the fluff from the base of the feathers, then tie one in on each side of the fly in **front of and above** the dumbbell eyes.
8. Form a thick tapered thread head in front of the dumbbell eyes (it should be thicker right in front of the dumbbell eyes and thinner behind the hook eye), whip finish, and cut the thread.

Note: The Home Invader is streamer pattern intended to imitate juvenile trout, a sucker minnow, or common baitfish forage. It is commonly tied in brown, olive, tan, and black. It is the creation of Doug McKnight.