

JOHN BARR SLUMPBUSTER



Recipe

Hook.....Streamer or nymph 3xl, sz 4-12

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

Cone.....Cone, tungsten or regular, sz 4-6 (large) or sz 8-12 (medium)

Rib.....Chartreuse Ultra Wire, sz brassie

Body.....Peacock Sparkle Braid or Diamond Braid

Wing/Tail.....Pine Squirrel zonker strip (Rabbit zonker for sz 4), color of choice

Collar.....Same as Wing above

1. Place the cone on the hook, and then place the hook in the vise.
2. Tie-in the thread about 1/8" behind the cone and wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend.
3. Cut a 4"-5" piece of ribbing wire and a 7" piece of braid and tie them in together about an 1/8" behind the cone. Pull both the wire and rib back toward the hook bend and wrap the thread back over them to the hook bend, binding them down to the hook shank. Make several tight thread wraps at the hook bend to ensue the wire and braid are tied down securely.
4. Cut a 5"-7" piece of zonker strip and tie it in at its middle at the hook bend with several tight thread wraps. Be sure to make these thread wraps on top of each other. *The hair on the strip should be slanting back toward the rear of the hook shank.*
5. Pull the front end of the zonker strip back over the hook bend and bring the thread around in front of the zonker strip. Now wrap the thread forward to about an 1/8" behind the cone.
6. Grasp the braid and make one wrap **behind** the zonker tie-in point, then move it in front of the zonker strip and continue wrapping it forward in touching turns to about 1/8" behind the cone and tie it off. Remove any excess braid.

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7. Now pull the front of zonker strip forward over the top of the braid body and tie it down tightly about 1/8" behind the cone. Take care to avoid tying down any hair. **Do not trim off the remaining strip.**
8. Grasp the wire ribbing and spiral wrap it forward through the hair to where you tied down the zonker strip behind the cone and tie it off. (Try to avoid binding down any hair as you spiral wrap the wire.) Remove any excess wire. (Note: Wet the hair of the zonker strip and make parts in it where the wire rib will cross it. This should make spiral wrapping the wire much easier.)
9. Take hold of the remaining zonker strip and wrap it forward into the back of the cone and tie it off, then whip finish it tight against the back of the cone. Stroke the hair backwards as you wrap the strip forwards to avoid binding down the hair and to create a good looking collar. Trim off any excess zonker strip. You want to avoid showing any zonker skin, so shove the loose end where you trimmed the strip back into the back of the cone.