

MADAM X



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 10 – 12

Thread.....Black, Olive, Yellow, or White 6/0

Tail.....Elk or Deer Hair

Body.....Thread

Wing.....Elk or Deer Hair

Legs.....White or Yellow round rubber

1. De-barb the hook and place it in your vise.
2. Tie-in the thread at the middle of the hook shank and wrap it back to over the hook barb.
3. Select, cut, clean and stack a small quantity of elk or deer hair as a tail. Measure the tail to equal the hook gap, then tie it in over the hook barb. **(Be sure to keep the hair on top of the hook shank. If necessary, take a wrap of thread around the hair before tying it in.)** Wrap over the hair butts for approximately the rear 3/4 of the hook shank, then trim off the excess hair butts. **(You don't want the hair tail to flare too much, so use slightly looser thread wraps at first, then tighten the wraps as you cover the butts.)** Wrap the thread forward to right behind the hook eye.
4. Select, cut, clean and stack a slightly larger quantity of hair to serve as a wing. Measure this hair wing to equal the distance from the end of the tail to right behind the hook eye. **This next step is very important - trim the hair, removing the butts, to equal this distance.** Lay the wing hair (with the tips pointing out over the hook eye and the evenly cut butt ends touching against the end of the wrapped tail butts) on top of the hook shank and tie it in right behind the hook eye and then wrap the thread back over the wing butts toward the hook bend.. Allow the wing hair to spin slightly around the hook shank. (At this point, the tail butts and the wing butts should form a fairly even body.)

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5. Continue wrapping the thread over the body between the tail tie-in point and the hook eye until you have a fairly even body. End with the thread approximately 1/8" to 1/4 " behind the hook eye. This is where you will tie down the hair in the next step.
6. Now pull the hair wing tips extending over the hook eye back over the fly body forming a nice bullet head. (Try to pull the hair back up on top of hook shank as you form the bullet head.) Once you are satisfied with the bullet head, take the thread and make 3-4 firm wraps of thread to tie down the hair.
7. Cut two strips of round rubber leg about 2" long. Tie one strip on each side of the fly at the same point as you tied down the wing. Keep the thread wraps together in the same place.
8. Do a whip finish over the thread wraps binding down the legs and cut the thread.
9. (OPTIONAL) If you wish to add an indicator, at the end of step 7, take a small piece of glo bug yarn (any color) and tie it on top of fly at the same point as the legs with 2-3 thread wraps. Then after completing the whip finish in step 8, clip the yarn short and tease it out into a nice full round shape.
10. Trim the legs so that the two rear legs stretch back to the end of the tail. The front legs should be slightly shorter in length.

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