



Mad River Special

Hook: TMC 5263 # 8- 3X long, 2X heavy streamer hook

Marabou: Olive

Saddle hackle: Badger

Flashabou strips: Pearl colored

Chenille: Medium Olive

Thread: (brown or black) 3/0

Cone Head: Black 1/4 Spirit River

1. Place Cone head on hook and place in vise.
2. Wrap hook with thread from head halfway back on shank then back up to head.
3. Tie in full olive marabou tail, directly behind the cone, then wrap thread tightly all the way to the halfway point down hook shaft.
4. Trim Flashabou 1-½ inches long and place about 6 strands down each side, fanned out over marabou tail, and wrap in with thread.
5. Select 1 badger hackle with a long tapered feather on it. (See diagram 1 on page 2.) Tie in the tip where the tail starts near the bend of the hook.
6. Leave tip tied in and place the butt of hackle out of the way.
7. Tie in the tip of medium olive chenille behind the cone. Then wrap, the thread first, and chenille back to the junction where the tail starts.
8. Now wrap, the thread first, and chenille clockwise toward the cone about 4-5 times until it is tight under the cone and tie off with 2 or 4 overhand hitch knots leaving the thread attached and hanging straight down under cone.
9. Now hold butt of hackle and wrap tightly counter clockwise over chenille toward cone. When you wrap, you want to end up with all good hackle in wraps. Do not use webs or fluffy part of hackle. Once you are up against the cone, make two wraps and tie in with thread and carefully trim the excess hackle butt with scissors.
10. Last, tie 6-8 half hitches as close to cone as possible and cut off thread.

Steps 1 & 2



Step 3



Step 4



Steps 6-7



Step 8



Steps 9-10



Diagram 1

