

# ORANGE STIMULATOR



## Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 8 3XL  
Thread.....Fluorescent orange  
Tail.....Elk hair  
Rib.....Fine gold wire  
Abdomen.....Yellow gold antron dubbing  
Abdomen Hackle....Brown dry  
Wing.....Elk hair  
Thorax Hackle.....Grizzly dry  
Thorax.....Orange antron dubbing

1. Place the hook in the vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back to the bend making a good thread base. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut, clean, and stack a bundle of elk hair that is  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the hook gap in thickness. **(A good way to check the thickness of a bundle of hair is to lightly twist and observe the thickness of the twisted hair.)** Tie-in the hair at the hook bend. Do not let it spin around the hook shank and keep it on top of the hook shank. **(The tail should be slightly longer than the width of the hook gap.)** Bind down the hair butts on top of the rear  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the hook shank and trim the excess butts. Tie-in a 6" piece of gold wire at the rear of the hair butts on the far side of the hook. Return the thread to the tail tie-in point, wrapping over the wire to the tail tie-in point. .
3. Remove the fluff from the base of a brown dry hackle feather and tie it in at the hook bend by the tip, with the feather extending back over the hook bend. Trim off the excess hackle tip.
4. Now take the yellow-gold antron dubbing and dub a neat, slightly tapered abdomen over the rear  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the hook shank. Remove any excess dubbing and position the thread directly in front of the abdomen.

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5. Palmer the hackle feather forward over the abdomen in 5-6 evenly spaced wraps and tie it off at the front of the abdomen. Trim off any excess hackle.
6. Take the gold wire and **reverse** wrap it in 5-6 evenly spaced turns over the abdomen and hackle and tie it off at the front of the abdomen. Trim off any excess wire.
7. Cut, clean, and stack a bundle of elk hair about ½ the hook gap in thickness. Position it on top of the hook shank directly in front of the abdomen as a wing (**the hair tips just reach the back end of the hook bend**) and tie it in with several tight thread wraps. **Do not let the hair spin. It should stay on top of the hook shank.** Trim the hair butts at a downward angle toward the hook eye and bind them down with flattened thread, creating a tapering foundation for the thorax. Return the thread to the wing tie-in point.
8. Trim the fluff from the base of a grizzly dry fly hackle and tie it in by the base directly in front of the wing. Trim off any excess hackle butt and return the thread to the front of the wing.
9. Dub the thread with orange dubbing and wrap it forward to form a tapered thorax, stopping 3-4 thread wraps behind the hook eye. Remove any excess dubbing. Let the thread hang behind the hook eye.
10. Palmer the grizzly hackle forward over the thorax in 4-5 evenly spaced wraps and tie it off behind the hook eye. Trim off any excess hackle, whip finish a head, and cut the thread. Apply head cement if desired.

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