

## PENNY PINCHER PRAWN



### Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 3407, Tiemco 811S, or equivalent, size 2 to 5/0 long or short shank  
Thread.....White 3/0  
Eyes.....Dumbell/large bead chain, lead or plastic  
Antenna.....Bucktail or stripped hackle stems, your choice of color  
Body.....Estaz, peacock color  
Back/Ridge.....Brown bucktail (from center of tail)  
Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to the hook bend forming a good thread base.
2. Tie-in a set of dumbbell eyes or bead chain eyes at the hook bend with figure eight thread wraps.
3. Cut a small bunch of bucktail 2 hook shanks in length and tie it in on top of the hook shank behind the eyes with the length of it projecting out over the hook bend like a tail. The bucktail should pass between the eyes. Tie down the butts for about 1/4", trim off the excess butts and return the thread to behind the eyes.
4. Tie-in a 6-8" piece of estaz beneath and behind the eyes. Wrap the thread forward for about 1/8" and let it hang. **(Be sure to strip a small section of one end of the estaz down to the core and tie the estaz in by the core to avoid bulk.)** Wrap the estaz in a figure eight between the eyes and then take 2 wraps of estaz toward the hook eye and tie it off. **(DO NOT CUT THE ESTAZ).**
5. Now cut a small bunch of brown bucktail about 1 1/2 times the length of the hook shank and tie it in on top of the hook shank tight against the estaz with several tight turns of thread. Trim off any excess butts. The length of the bucktail should

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be somewhat vertical and leaning toward the hook bend. Wrap the thread bunch forward slightly. Take 2 more turns of estaz as before, then tie-in another of bucktail as before. Repeat this procedure until the hook shank is filled. Take an additional 1-2 turns of estaz, form a thread head, whipfinish, and cut the thread. Coat the head with head cement.

Note: This fly is so named because it incorporates the center dark brown hairs of a bucktail, which are usually discarded.

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