

PINE SQUIRREL STREAMER



Recipe

Hook.....Streamer, 4-6xl, size 8 to 4
Thread.....Brown or color to match body, 6/0
Under body/tail support....Foam rubber strip, 2mm
Tail.....Pine squirrel zonker
Body.....Pine squirrel zonker
Head.....Thread

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to the hook bend, then wrap it back up the hook shank to about 1/8" behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a strip of foam approximately 1/4" wide and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank slightly behind the hook eye with the length of the strip extending back toward the hook bend. **Keeping the foam strip on top of the hook shank**, wrap thread tightly over it back to the hook bend. Be sure to bind and compress the foam tightly to the hook shank so it is okay to wrap the thread back and forth over the foam to fully compress it and achieve a level underbody. Now grasp the remaining strip (*which should be laying flat on top of the hook shank over the hook bend*) and trim it even with the back of the hook bend to create a small flat platform at the hook bend.
3. Take a full strip of squirrel zonker and separate the fur down to the skin approximately 1" from the end of the strip. (Be sure that the fur of the strip is flowing back toward the hook bend.) Lay the strip on top of the hook shank and tie it in tightly at the hook bend where you divided the fur to create a tail. (The fur of the tail should **be flowing back over the hook bend**.) Now lift the longer length of the strip, wrap the thread in front it, then wrap the thread forward to behind the hook eye. (*At this point, take a very small drop of super glue and apply it to the top of the little foam platform, then press the bare skin side of the tail down onto it. Be careful not to get any glue on the fur. This step will stabilize the tail and keep it from twisting into the hook bend.*)
4. Lift the front section of the zonker strip out of the way and place a light coating of super glue on the foam underbody all the way to behind the hook eye. Now wrap the length of

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the zonker strip forward in touching turns to behind the hook eye and tie it off tightly. Trim off any excess strip. *(When you wrap the strip forward, be sure that the **skin side of the strip** is in contact with the underbody/hook shank. Also be sure to stroke the fur backward with each wrap so that it does not come in contact with the glue.)*

5. Form a neat thread head being sure to cover any visible skin at the tie off point. Do a whip finish and cut the thread.

Note: This fly has a lot of movement and will work all day but is especially effective in the evening. Try casting it down and across with a few short strips.