

POLAR SHRIMP



Recipe

Hook.....Heavy Salmon type (Mustad 3906 or 36890), size 2-6
Thread.....Black 6/0
Weight (optional)....lead wire, .020 or .025
Tail.....Red hackle fibers
Body.....FL Orange or Yellow chenille
Legs.....Red or Orange hackle fibers
Wing.....White Bucktail or calf tail
Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie-in the thread about $\frac{1}{4}$ hook shank behind the hook eye, then wrap a thread base back to the bend of the hook. Wrap the thread forward to behind the hook eye.
2. *(Optional) If using lead wire, make 8-10 wraps on the front half of hook shank, leaving enough room behind the hook eye for the wing, legs and thread head. Wrap a thread dam in front of the wire and at the back of wire, then cover the lead wire with thread, making a smooth transition on both ends. Wrap the thread back to the bend.*
3. Select a bundle of hackle fibers about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ times the thickness of the hook shank. Even the fiber tips and tie the bundle in as a tail at the hook bend. Keep the tail on top of the hook shank. **The tail should be the length of the hook gap.** Trim off any excess fiber butts.
4. Cut a 4"-5" piece of chenille, strip one end down to the core, and tie it in by the stripped end at the same place you tied in the tail. Wrap the chenille forward up the hook shank in tight touching turns to a point about $\frac{1}{4}$ " behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess chenille
5. Select a bundle of hackle fibers about twice the thickness of the hook shank and tie them in **under** the hook shank at the front of the chenille body as legs. **These fiber legs should be about $\frac{1}{2}$ the hook shank in length.** Remove any excess fiber butts.

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6. Cut, clean, and stack a small bundle of white bucktail about 1/2 the thickness of the fly body. Tie the bundle in on top of the hook shank using tight thread wraps right against the front of the chenille body. Trim off the butts at an angle behind the hook eye and cover them with thread.
7. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Coat the head with head cement or *Hard as Nails* polish.