

RHODY FLATWING



Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 3407, Tiemco 811S, or equivalent, size 8 to 5/0

Thread.....White 3/0 or Clear mono

Tail.....White bucktail/Olive schlappen/Gold flashabou

Body.....Pearl mylar tinsel/body braid

Wing.....White bucktail/Light blue bucktail/Pearl krystal flash

Throat..... (Optional) White or Red bucktail

Collar.....(Optional) White bucktail

Head.....Thread

1. Tie in thread 1/4" behind hook eye and wrap a solid thread base back to the bend of the hook.
2. Cut a small bunch (15-25 strands) of **LONG** bucktail for a tail and tie it in at the hook bend. Now tie-in 4-5 strands of gold flashabou (which should be about an inch longer than the bucktail) on top of the bucktail. Lastly, tie-in an olive schlappen feather (with the concave side down) on top of the bucktail and flashabou. The hackle feather should reach almost to the end of the bucktail. Wrap the thread forward, binding down all the different butts (bucktail, flashabou, and schlappen) on top of the hook shank to a point about 1/4" behind the hook eye forming an even uderbody. Remove any excess butt material.
3. Tie in a 6-8" piece of pearl mylar tinsel/body braid just behind hook eye and wrap it back to the tail and then wrap it back to 1/4" behind the hook eye overlapping the first layer and tie it off. Remove any excess tinsel/braid. (Each wrap should touch the previous wrap so that there are no gaps.)

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4. Cut a small bunch of white bucktail about 3 hook shanks in length and tie it in on top of the hook shank as the first part of the wing. (Now we will add additional layers of materials to complete the wing. **Each layer of bucktail should be sparser and longer than the preceding one.**) Next, cut a sparse bunch of yellow bucktail and tie it in on top of the white bucktail.
5. Next, cut a bunch of light blue bucktail about half the size of the previous yellow bunch and tie it in on top of the yellow bucktail.
6. Now cut and tie in 3-4 strands of both pearl and olive flashabou on each side of the fly and on top of the wing. **(The flashabou should be at least as long as the wing.)**
7. Select 8-10 peacock herls (herls should be longer than the wing) and tie them in on top of the wing as a wing topping. Tie the herl in with the length of the herl extending out over the hook eye, then fold them back over the wing. These herls should curve over the wing and down to the end of the tail. **(To get a nice curve in the herl, use the back of your scissors as you would if you were curling ribbon - but go easy to avoid breaking the herl.)**
8. Build a solid thread head over the wing butts, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement.

NOTE: If desired, you can substitute 1-3 hackle feathers for the peacock herl. The hackle feathers should be tied on top of each other. The first (bottom) hackle feather should extend back at least as far as the end of the tail, with each succeeding hackle feather being slightly shorter.

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