

ROYAL WULFF CRIPPLE



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 10 - 22

Thread.....Black 6/0

Tail.....Brown or amber Zelon or equivalent

Wing.....White poly yarn

Body.....Peacock herl/Red floss/peacock herl

Hackle.....Brown, dry

1. Tie-in the thread at mid hook shank and wrap back to the bend in touching turns, then wrap back to mid hook shank. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a piece of Zelon about 2"-3" long to use as a tail. Lay the Zelon on top of the hook shank with its length extending past the hook bend. Tie in the Zelon by one end at mid-shank and wrap tight thread wraps back over it back to the hook bend. **(Make sure to keep the Zelon on top of the hook shank.)**
3. Select 2-3 strands of peacock herl, trim off the tips, and tie them in by the tip at the base of the tail. Twist the herls together into a loose rope, then make 2-4 wraps forward to form a small clump of herl in front of the tail and tie the herl off. **Do not trim off the excess herl! (Ensure that the herl covers the tail tie-in thread wraps.)** Lay the remaining herl **on top** of the hook shank and wrap the thread forward over it for a short distance forming a thread base. **Do not trim off the excess herl.** Let the thread hang.
4. Tie in a piece of red floss where you left the thread hanging and wrap it back over the thread base to tight against the front of the first herl clump, then wrap the floss forward again to its tie-in point creating a double layer floss body segment. Tie the floss off and trim off the excess.
5. Now wrap the thread forward for a few wraps. Take the remaining peacock herl rope and wrap another small clump in front of the floss body segment. Tie off the herl and trim off any excess. *You should now be about 1/4th of the hook shank behind the hook eye.*

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6. Clip and comb a bunch of poly yarn about the diameter of a pencil and 3" - 4" long. Place this length of yarn on top of the hook shank with its middle at the front of the foremost herl clump and, using a pinch wrap, tie it in tightly, creating a rear facing "wing" and a forward facing "wing". **(Be sure to keep the yarn on top of the hook shank and do not let it spin.)** Wrap the thread forward over the yarn for 5-6 wraps creating a small thread base, then lift the front yarn and wrap the thread under it, making several thread wraps against the base of the front "wing" to lift it slightly. Form a neat thread head, then return the thread to the base of the rear "wing". *You should now have a forward leaning "wing" of yarn projecting forward over the hook eye.*
7. Select an appropriately sized dry hackle feather and trim the fluff from its base. Tie the feather in by its butt at the base of the rear "wing". The concave side of the feather should be facing toward the tail. Trim off any excess butt and wind the feather forward 4-5 times on the thread base between the wings. Tie it off directly behind the front wing and trim off any excess feather. **(You may need to use more or less wraps of hackle. The idea is to have a thick, even hackle between the wings.)**
8. Whip finish **behind** the front wing, cut the thread, and apply head cement if desired.
9. Now trim the rear wing even with the middle of the red floss body segment and the front wing so that it is about one hook shank in length. Trim the Zelon tail so that it is a hook gap in length.