

SCHMIDT'S ARTICULATED MARABOU SPEY FLY



Recipe

Thread.....Black Ultra Thread 140 or 6/0

Trailer hook.....Tiemco 105 or equivalent (Dai-Riki 155 or Cabela's Model 26) size 6.

Main body hook....Daiichi 2151 (or equivalent), size 2

Trailer hook body..Blood quill marabou to match main hook body color, palmered up the shank to the hook eye

Beads.....Three or four 4mm ruby red plastic beads

Connector.....20/25 lb mono leader with the red 4 mm plastic beads.

Flare Bump.....Red Estaz, preferably dark red

Main Body.....Blood quill marabou, color of choice, palmered up the hook shank to the eye

Flash.....Four to 6 sprigs of Krystal Flash or Flashabou to contrast body color. It is best to always include some red

Collar.....Palmered schlappen in a color to enhance the main body color

1. On the trailer hook, tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it down the shank to over the hook point.
2. Tie in a marabou feather over the hook point by its tip and tightly palmer wrap it forward to just behind hook eye. Stroke the marabou fibers back toward hook bend while wrapping toward the hook eye, taking care to not tangle the fibers of the marabou. Tie it off, trim the excess marabou and wrap the thread to form a small head. Whip finish and add a drop of head cement or super glue to secure the thread. Set aside until needed.
3. On the main body hook, tie in the thread behind the hook eye, wrap it halfway down the hook shank toward the hook bend and let the thread hang.
4. Cut a 6 or 7 inch length of 20/25 lb mono leader. Thread the mono through the trailer hook eye and then thread both ends of the mono through three or four 4mm ruby red plastic beads.

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This pattern was originated by Ray Schmidt
Instructions and photo by Bob Cain

5. At the point on the hook shank where the thread is hanging, position the mono beside the hook shank to lash the mono with (the trailer hook and beads) to the main body hook shank. Make sure the point of the trailer hook is facing up (on the opposite side from the point of the main hook). Also, leave a little extra space (equivalent to spacing for 1-2 beads) at the loop end of the mono so the trailer hook can swing freely above and behind the bend of the main body hook. When the mono and trailer hook are properly positioned, tightly wrap the thread toward the hook eye (approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch) to secure the mono. Then fold each of the tag ends of the mono back along the hook shank (one at a time and with one on each side of the hook shank) and make enough thread wraps after each fold to hold them along the hook shank so both of the tag ends of the mono extend back under the beads toward the hook bend. Clip the tag ends of the mono off under the 2nd bead so the remaining tag ends help to support and lift the beads and trailer hook. This adds to the action and hooking potential of the fly. After making sure the mono, beads and trailer hook are properly positioned, firmly wrap the thread forward over the mono toward the hook eye to the fold-back point and then back to the mono tie-in point and let the thread hang.
6. Tie one end of the red Estaz to the main hook shank at the tie in point of the mono (at the thread wraps just in front of the red beads). Now place some head cement or super glue on the thread wraps over the mono and wrap the Estaz forward over the glue for 3 or 4 wraps up the hook shank toward the hook eye. The glue will strengthen the lashing of the trailer hook to the main body hook and the Estaz over the mono lashing creates a flare bump which simulates the gills of a baitfish. Tie off the Estaz and trim any excess. Make 1 or 2 more thread wraps to secure the Estaz and let the thread hang
7. On the hook shank at the tie off point for the Estaz, tie in the main body marabou feather by the tip and then tightly palmer wrap the marabou up the shank to just behind the hook eye. Stroke the marabou fibers back toward the hook bend while wrapping, taking care to not tangle the fibers of the marabou. Leave room behind the hook eye to add the collar and to form a head with the thread. Tie off the marabou and clip the excess.
8. At the marabou tie off point just behind the hook eye, tie in 4-6 sprigs of Krystal Flash or Flashabou to contrast with the main body color. It is best to always include some red flash. The length of the flash should extend all the way back over the fly to the end of the marabou on the trailer hook. If needed, trim the flash to the correct length.
9. At the same point as the tie in for the flash, tie in a schlappen hackle feather (with the shiny side toward the hook eye) just behind the hook eye. Before tying it in, prepare the feather by stripping the fibers off the bottom side of the feather. Then, tie it in by the tip, and wrap the feather around hook shank at least 2-3 times to form a good collar, tie it off and remove the excess. Wrap the thread over the front edge of the wrapped feather a few times to hold the fibers back to form a good collar, then form a head with the thread and whip finish. Add head cement or super glue to the head to help secure the thread and improve durability.