

THE MUNCHER



Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 3399 or equivalent, size 6-12
Thread.....Black 6/0
Body.....Gray rabbit or equivalent
Wing case.....Tan, amber, or brown Swiss Straw or raffia
Thorax.....Fiery brown seal dubbing or equivalent
Legs.....Brown hen saddle
Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie the thread in about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way down the hook bend. Wrap a tight thread base forward to about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the hook shank behind the hook eye, then return the thread to its tie-in point. Remove any thread tag.
2. Dub the thread and wrap it in tight touching turns to a point about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the hook shank behind the hook eye.
2. Cut a 4"-5" piece of Swiss Straw and tie it in by one end tight against the front of the dubbed body on top of the hook shank. (The length of the straw should be going over the hook bend.)
3. Select a saddle feather and clean off the fluff at its base. Stroke the hackle fibers toward the butt end and tie it in by the **tip** tight against the Swiss Straw. ***The concave slide of the hackle feather should be facing up with the butt end of the feather going toward the hook bend.*** Return the thread to the hackle tie-in point. (At this point, you should have roughly $\frac{1}{4}$ of the hook shank bare between the front of the body and the hook eye.)
4. Dub the thread with the fiery brown dubbing and wrap it forward for about $\frac{1}{8}$ of the remaining hook shank and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
5. Grasp the feather and pull it over the top of the dubbing and tie it down. **DO NOT SNIP OFF THE EXCESS FEATHER.**

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6. Now pull the Swiss Straw forward over the dubbing and feather and tie it down on top of wraps used to tie down the feather. Fold the Swiss Straw back over the dubbing, then fold it forward again at the back of the thorax to the front of the thorax and tie it down. Fold the Swiss Straw and feather back over the thorax and take a few thread wraps to keep them back.
7. Dub the thread again and wrap the remaining thorax. Remove any excess dubbing, then fold the feather forward over the front of the thorax and tie it off behind the hook eye. Trim off the excess feather and leave the thread behind the hook eye.
8. Repeat step 7 and form the second wing case, **(this time the fold should be at the middle of the first wing case)** then tie off the Swiss Straw behind the hook eye and trim off any excess.
9. Form a thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the head if desired.
10. Scuff up the thorax dubbing a little to create a real buggy look.

NOTE: A productive variation on this fly is to use white rabbit for the body and use Hungarian partridge for the legs.