

## TURCK'S TARANTULA



### Recipe

Hook.....Nymph/Streamer 2-3XL, size 2-14  
Thread.....Brown 6/0  
Tail.....Amherst Pheasant Tippets  
Rib.....Optional) Copper Wire, Sm  
Body.....Hare's Mask Dubbing  
Underwing...White Calf Tail  
Overwing.....Pearl Krystal Flash  
Collar.....Deer Hair  
Legs.....White Round Rubber  
Head.....Deer Hair

1. Place the hook in the vice and tie-in the thread  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Wrap the thread down the hook shank to the hook bend. Let the thread hang..
2. Cut a small bunch (8-12) of pheasant tippets and tie them in as a tail at the hook bend. The tail should be slightly longer than the hook gap. Wrap thread over the tippet butts to the thread tie-in point, then return the thread to the hook bend. Remove any excess tippet butts.
3. Form a dubbing loop at the hook bend, fill it with dubbing, and twist it into a dubbing rope. Wrap the rope over the rear  $2/3^{\text{rds}}$  of the hook shank to form an evenly dubbed body. Tie off the dubbing loop and remove any excess dubbing rope. Be sure to cover the tail tie-in thread wraps with the dubbing rope. Let the thread hang.
4. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of calf tail hair. Keeping the hair on top of the hook shank, tie this hair in with tight thread wraps at the front end of the body as an underwing. This underwing should measure from the front end of the body to the middle of the tail. Trim off any excess hair butts. Let the thread hang.
5. Cut a small bunch (4-6 long strands) of Krystal Flash and tie it in by the middle of the bunch at the front end of the wing, then fold it back so that both sides are laying on top of the underwing. Wrap thread over the flash butts to hold them in position. Trim the flash so that it is slightly longer than the underwing. Let the thread hang.

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6. Now cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of deer hair. Lay the hair on top of the hook shank in front of the wing tie-in point with the tips laying back over the wing to the middle of the body. Tie this hair in directly in front of the wing with 3-4 tight wraps as a collar. Hold the hair tightly on top of the hook shank and do not let it spin. This is **STACKING**, not spinning. Stand the hair butts up and wrap the thread in front of them, then do a half hitch. Pack the butts back against the front of the wing.
7. Cut two 3-4" pieces of white rubber leg material. Tie-in one piece by its middle on each side of the hook shank right in front of the hair you just packed. Let the thread hang.
8. Now cut, clean and stack a second bunch of deer hair. Trim off the tips of this hair, then tie-in and **SPIN** this hair in front of hair collar. Pack this hair and continue this procedure until the space between the collar and the hook eye is filled with hair. Move the thread to directly behind the hook eye and do a whip finish. Cut the thread.
9. Remove the hook from the vise and trim the hair butts into a muddler style head. Be careful to not the cut the rubber legs. Trim the hair on bottom of the head flat.