

WONDER BUGGER



Recipe

Hook.....Streamer/Nymph, size 2-12
Thread.....Suitable color 6/0
Head.....Bead, sized for the hook, color of choice
Weight(optional)...Lead wire/bead/cone
Tail.....Marabou, color of choice
Rib (optional).....Fine wire/tinsel
Body.....Pearl chenille, med, color of choice
Hackle.....Long Schlappen, color of choice
Legs.....Legging material of your choice

1. Place the bead on the hook, the tie-in the thread at the middle of hook shank and wrap it back to the bend of hook. (If using optional lead wire, first wrap a short length of lead wire forward in tight spiral turns from mid hook shank forward to approximately 1/8" behind the bead. Then tie-in the thread behind the bead and wrap it over the lead wire to lightly cover it, then wrap the thread back to the bend of hook. You may optionally apply cement to lead wire if desired.)
2. Select 1-2 marabou feathers and join them together as a tail. Measure the tail to equal 1-1½ the hook shank length.
3. Holding the tail at the hook bend, tie it in with 3-4 tight turns of thread then wrap the thread over the butt ends of the marabou to slightly behind the bead head. Trim off the butt ends of the marabou.
4. (If using a rib, tie-in 4-5" length of wire or tinsel at same point as you tied-in the tail.)
5. Select a schlappen feather and tie it in tip first at same point as you tied-in the tail.

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6. Cut a 5-6" piece of chenille, clean one end to reveal a short section of core, then tie it in by the exposed core end at the same point as you tied in the tail.
7. Now wrap the chenille in tight touching turns from butt of tail to one hook eye length behind the bead head. (You should brush back the chenille fibers with every wrap to avoid tying down too many fibers and maintain a bushy body.) Tie off the chenille and let the thread hang.
8. Now palmer the schlappen forward in **closely spaced** turns to end of the chenille and tie it off. Let thread hang.
9. (If using a rib, counter-wrap the wire/tinsel between the schlappen wraps to behind the bead head and tie it off.)
10. Select 1-2 pieces of legging material about 5-6" long and tie them in tightly by their middle right behind the bead head so that there are legs of equal length on each side of the fly.
11. Whip finish behind the bead head over the legging material tie in point to cover any exposed material, cut the thread, and apply head cement. Trim the legs to reach back to the rear of the tail or to the length you desire.