

## WOODY'S ARTICULATED HELLGRAMMITE



### Recipe

Hook.....Long Curved Nymph, size 8 and 10  
Thread.....Black or Brown 6/0  
Tail.....Black or Brown Goose Biot  
Rib.....Black or Brown Larva Lace Stretch Tubing, Small  
Abdomen....Black, Brown, or Coffee Ultra Chenille, Medium  
Link.....10-20 Pound Fireline  
Weight.....10-11 wraps .20 lead wire  
Shellback....Black, Brown, or Dark Gray Swiss Straw  
Thorax.....Black, Brown, or Coffee Ultra Chenille, Medium  
Hackle.....Black or Dyed Brown Grizzly  
Pincers.....Black or Brown Goose Biot  
Eyes.....Optional, Black Mono, Medium  
Head.....Thread

1. Put size 10 hook in vise. Tie-in thread behind hook eye and wrap back to bend of hook over barb.
2. Tie-in biot tail and trim off excess biot. Return thread to tie-in point.
3. Make a diagonal cut on end of rib tubing to reduce bulk and tie it in over hook barb.
4. Strip one end of chenille to reveal core and tie it in by the core. Wrap thread forward to just behind hook eye.
5. Wrap chenille forward in tight turns to just behind hook eye and tie off. Clip excess chenille.
6. Wrap ribbing forward in tight concentric turns to just behind the hook eye and tie off. (Allow some chenille to show between wraps to simulate gills/legs.) Clip excess ribbing.
7. Whip finish, cut thread, and apply head cement.

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8. Take a 5-6" section of Fireline and pass it doubled thru the hook eye of the #10 hook forming a loop. Pass the tag ends of the Fireline thru the loop and pull it tight. The tag ends of the Fireline should be approximately the same length.
9. Place the #8 hook in the vise, tie-in thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back to over the barb.
10. Take the #10 hook and tie it in closely by the tag ends of the Fireline over the barb of the #8 hook with 4-5 tight wraps of thread.
11. Now take some super glue and apply a light layer over the rest of the hook shank. Take the tag ends of the Fireline and lay them on top of the hook shank in the superglue, then tie them down firmly with thread wraps up to slightly behind the hook eye. Then fold the remaining tag ends of the Fireline back toward the hook bend and tie them down with tight turns of thread going back to over the hook barb. Clip any remaining Fireline.
12. In the middle of the hook shank, make 10-11 wraps of lead wire. Break off excess wire, apply super glue to lead, then cover lead wraps with thread. Thread should finish behind hook eye.
13. Tie in biot pincers just behind the hook eye but leave eye uncovered. Clip excess biot and return thread to just over the hook barb.
14. Tie-in a 3" piece of Swiss straw and return thread to over hook barb. Straw should extend back over bend of the hook.
15. Take a suitable hackle feather (barbs should be 1 ½ to 2 times the hook gap at the fat end of the feather) and strip off fluff. Stoke barbs back to make them perpendicular to the feather shaft. Tie-in the feather by the tip, with the feather extending back over the hook bend.
16. Strip one end of a piece of chenille down to the core and tie-in. Return the thread back to slightly behind the hook eye. Wrap the chenille in tight turns to slightly behind the hook eye and tie off. Clip excess chenille.
17. Wrap the hackle feather forward in 5-6 evenly spaced turns to slightly behind the hook eye and tie off. Clip excess hackle feather.
18. To the extent possible, divide the hackle barbs on top of the hook and stroke them to the sides.
19. Pull the swiss straw firmly over the top of the hook and tie off just behind the hook eye. Trim off the excess straw and form a small to medium sized thread head.
20. Whip finish, clip thread, and apply head cement being careful to avoid the biot pincers.
21. Remove the hook from the vise and trim the hackle barbs from the bottom of the hook.

If you are using brown swiss straw, you may wish to darken and mottle it with markers for a more life-like effect.

If you have elected to use eyes, tie them in after the biot pincers and tie off remaining materials behind them.

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