

WOOD DUCK SCUD



Recipe

Hook..... Emerger/Curved Caddis, size 12-16
Thread..... Fluorescent Orange, 8/0
Tail..... Wood Duck
Rib..... Small gold wire
Body..... Sow Scud dubbing, Smoky Olive
Head..... Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise with the hook eye down (to make tying-in the tail easier), then tie-in the thread at the beginning of the hook bend and take 5-6 wraps down the hook bend. Remove the thread tag and let the thread hang.
2. Select a large wood duck feather and remove 15-20 long fibers, keeping the tips even. Measure the tail to be a hook gap in length and tie it in on top of the hook shank where you left the thread. Take 5-6 touching thread wraps over the feather butts toward the hook eye, then take the hook out of the vise and re-orient it to a more normal position in the vise. Taking care to keep the feather butts on top of the hook shank, continue wrapping over the feather butts to slightly behind the hook eye. The remaining feather butts should be pointing out over the hook eye. **DO NOT TRIM OFF THESE BUTTS.**
3. Now take touching thread wraps back to over the hook point. Let the thread hang.
4. Cut a 6"- 7" piece of ribbing wire and tie it in by one end where you left the thread (The length of the wire should be going out over the hook bend). Wrap over the wire with tight touching turns back to the front of the tail. Let the thread hang. Do not cut the wire.
5. Dub the thread and wrap a body that is tapered at both ends forward to behind the feather butts. Clean off the excess dubbing, then wrap the thread forward to the front of the feather butts and make a few tight wraps against the front of the feather butts to lift them slightly.
6. Now, keeping them on top of the body, fold the feather butts back over the body and secure them with a wrap of ribbing wire, then take more evenly spaced turns of wire forward to behind the hook eye and tie it down with several tight thread turns. Keeping the thread taut, helicopter the remaining wire stub off.

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7. Now do a whip finish and cut the thread.
8. Go the rear of the fly and, taking care not to cut off the tail, cut the feather butts off straight at the end of the fly.
9. If desired, you can coat the top of the fly with head cement, clear nail polish, or RV resin.