

SVTU Fly Tying
Streamers: Woolly Bugger
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Materials

Hook: #8 4X streamer hook

Thread: Black, Olive, Brown or white

Weight: Gold bead, 5/32 " or dumbbell eyes, 1/4" or 4 mm.

Additional weight: 2" length non-lead wire and 4" length gold or copper wire

Body: Black, Olive, Brown or White small or medium ultra chenille, 4-6" length

Flash: 3-4 strands of flash material

Tail: Marabou feather plume, Black, Olive, Brown, or White

Hackle: saddle hackle, Black, Olive, Brown, or White

Head Finish: Clear nail polish or UV head cement

Steps (Bead head)

1. Flatten barb, then place hook in vise so the hook is positioned like a J, with the hook point up.
2. Slide bead onto hook, small hole first, slide bead to end of shank behind the hook eye. Reposition the hook in vise with the shank horizontal and on top
3. Wrap non-lead wire onto hook shank, about 10 wraps, slide wire to back of bead
4. Start thread behind wire wraps, wrap thread forward over wire, then wrap back to hook point
5. Prepare the marabou tail feather by stripping away the webby feathers from the end of the stem. Similarly, remove any stiff feathers, leaving fluffy feathers for the tail. Measure the length of the tail to be slightly longer than the hook shank. Place the base of the tail above the hook point. Tie in the tail with a loose wrap then several tight wraps. Wrap thread forward around the stem to the bead, then back to the hook point. Trim the excess stem.
6. Place the copper wire along the hook shank and secure it with thread wraps forward to the bead
7. Take 3-4 strands of flash material, find the midpoint of the strands and place half on the near side of the hook. Secure that half by thread wraps back to the hook point. Take the other half of the strands and place them along the far side of the hook and secure them with thread wraps back to the bead. Trim the flash to match the tail length.
8. Place the length of chenille along the hook shank and secure it with thread wraps back to the hook point then forward to the bead. Wrap the chenille in tight wraps forward to the bead. Secure the chenille with thread wraps behind the bead and trim off excess chenille.
9. Prepare the hackle by stripping webby feathers from the end of the stem. Tie in the hackle stem with thread wraps behind the bead. Wrap thread in a spiral back to the hook point. Trim any excess stem.
10. Make two tight wraps of hackle, then wrap the hackle in spiral wraps back to the hook point. Secure the hackle with several thread wraps, then spiral wrap thread forward to the bead, being careful not to crush the hackle. Trim any excess hackle.
11. Further secure the hackle with the copper wire, making spiral wraps of wire forward to the bead, being careful not to crush the hackle feathers. Secure the wire with several thread wraps behind the bead. Trim off excess wire with a metal snip or by helicoptering the wire.
12. Make a 4 or 5 turn whip finish and trim off the thread.
13. Place a drop of head cement or clear nail polish on the final wraps behind the bead.

Steps (Dumbbell eyes)

1. Flatten the barb, then place hook in vise.
2. Start the thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to the bend of the hook, then forward to a point on the shank midway between the hook point and the hook eye.
3. Place dumbbell eyes on top of hook and secure by wrapping in an X pattern, circular wraps around hook behind and in front of eyes, and circular wraps around base of eyes, followed by more figure 8 wraps around eyes. Eyes should be secure on hook. Finish wraps with thread behind the dumbbell eyes, then wrap back along the shank to a point above the hook point.
4. Wrap non-lead wire onto hook shank, about 10 wraps, slide wire to back of dumbbell eyes
5. Wrap thread forward over wire, then wrap back to hook point
6. Prepare the marabou tail feather by stripping away the webby feathers from the end of the stem. Similarly, remove any stiff feathers, leaving fluffy feathers for the tail. Measure the length of the tail to be slightly longer than the hook shank. Place the base of the tail above the hook point. Tie in the tail with a loose wrap then several tight wraps. Wrap thread forward around the stem to the dumbbell eyes, then back to the hook point. Trim the excess stem.
7. Place the copper wire along the hook shank and secure it with thread wraps forward to the dumbbell eyes.
8. Take 3-4 strands of flash material, find the midpoint of the strands and place half on the near side of the hook. Secure that half by thread wraps back to the hook point. Take the other half of the strands and place them along the far side of the hook and secure them with thread wraps forward to the dumbbell eyes. Trim the flash to match the length of the tail.
9. Place the length of chenille along the hook shank and secure it with thread wraps back to the hook point then forward to the dumbbell eyes. Wrap the chenille in tight wraps forward to the dumbbell eyes. Secure the chenille with thread wraps behind the dumbbell eyes and trim off excess chenille.
10. Prepare the hackle by stripping webby feathers from the end of the stem. Tie in the hackle stem with thread wraps behind the dumbbell eyes. Spiral wrap thread back to the hook point. Trim any excess stem.
11. Make two tight wraps of hackle, then wrap the hackle in spiral wraps back to the hook point. Secure the hackle with several thread wraps. Spiral wrap thread forward to dumbbell eyes, being careful not to crush hackle feathers. Trim any excess hackle.
12. Further secure the hackle with the copper wire, making spiral wraps of wire forward to the dumbbell eyes, being careful not to crush the hackle feathers. Secure the wire with several thread wraps behind the dumbbell eyes. Trim off excess wire with a metal snip or by helicoptering the wire.
13. Make a 4 or 5 turn whip finish and trim off the thread.
14. Place a drop of head cement or clear nail polish on the final wraps behind the dumbbell eyes.