

American Woolly



Recipe

Hook: Mustad #94831 Size: 6 XL
Thread: Black, 6/0
Body: Black Hackle, palmered rear ¼ of shank. Brown Hackle, palmered middle ½ of shank. Black Hackle, palmered, front ¼ of shank. Tied as tight and heavy as possible. Trim to resemble a woolly worm caterpillar.

Tying Tips: Easy to tie. Be generous with the head cement.

Fishing Tips: This is a great pattern for late fall. Bump it off a log or stone. Cast it in near the shore or in any pocket waters. Big trout love it ! Can also be used for pan fish tied in smaller sizes or for bass in larger sizes. Trim the bottom of the hackle for a lower profile.

Historical Note: For years I've found these Woolly Worms (*Pyrrharctia isabella*) along the banks of American rivers. My fascination with caterpillars lead me to develop a high floating dry fly that closely resembles the 'Woolly' and that the fish just can't refuse.

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