

Doodlebug



Recipe

Hook: Mustad #94840 Sizes: 8-10
Thread: Black, 6/0
Tail: Red Hackle Fibers
Underbody: Yellow, Wool Yarn
Overbody: Peacock Herl
Rib: Fine Gold Tinsel
Wing: Woodchuck Body Hair
Hackle (crown): Deer Body Hair, shaped and Trimmed into a top-knot.

Tying Tips: Tail may be substituted with red calftail or bucktail. Woodchuck wing should extend beyond the hook to the full length of the tail. When tying the top-knot, tie in a clump of deer hair and wrap tight to flare. Cut off the but ends and trim to form the top-knot. I prefer a lighter hook so I use a #94833. As long as the underbody doesn't show, I replace the yellow wool yarn with something that floats better, like poly dubbing.

Fishing Tips: Can be fished either wet or dry and works on rivers, streams and ponds. Fast or still water. This was designed as an attractor fly and should be used when there are no other insects on the water.

Historical Note: This fly was created by Jack Schweigert of Michigan. At the time this fly was invented Jack had a fly shop in Luzerne, Mich. Jack was a fly tier and a river guide. This fly was created circa 1940. Later, in 1949, Jack and his wife Ann, moved their fly shop to the Roscommon area where it remained until 1985.

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