

# Skunk Hopper



## Recipe

- Hook: TMC #9395 Size: 6-10  
Thread: 50 denier GSP thread, to match the body color.  
Tail: Calf Tail; red, orange or pink; combed, cut and stacked.  
Body: Crystal Antron Chenille; light olive, tan, yellow (medium and small).  
Wing: Elk Hair, natural dark or light, tied down over the back, skunk style, head trimmed 'knob.'  
Legs: Round Rubber Legs (medium), to match the color of the body, knotted and trimmed.

*Tying Tips:* This is not an easy pattern to tie and may require several attempts to perfect it. The wing material should be of a high quality elk. Mr. Potter uses Ultra Select Elk from 'Blue Ribbon Flies'. Vary the body color and size to match the hoppers on the river you're fishing.

*Fishing Tips:* An impressionistic hopper pattern. Just real enough to induce some volcanic strikes. May be used at anytime during hopper season.

*Historical Notes:* This pattern was authored by Dennis Potter around 2005. Dennis is a Master Fly Tyer who hails from Grand Rapids, Michigan. The general pattern was inspired from an old Michigan pattern called the Au Sable Skunk.

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