

Fly of the Month, January 2008 - Wild Rabbit

This is a Steelhead / Salmon fly that can be tied as the Clouser pattern shown, or also tied as a tube fly with a cone weight on the leader to add the weight.

Hook: Mustad #36890 Upturned eye. Size range 2 to 8.

Thread: Black 6/0

Eyes: Nickel Plated, Lead, Small dumbbell eyes 1/40 OZ.

Body: Crosscut Rabbit Strips in Black and Fl. Fuchia.

Accent: Krystal Flash - Pearl

1) Tie in the lead eyes on top of the hook shank (Clouser style) about 1/8" back from the hook eye. Seal the windings with head cement to keep the eyes in place.



2) Bring the tying thread to the bend of the hook and tie in the Black Crosscut Rabbit strip. Insure that the hair is flowing toward the rear of the hook. Bring the tying thread to about 1/4 " from the eye. Palmer the rabbit to about 1/4" from the eye keeping the fur flowing toward the rear of the hook. Trim off the excess.



3) Tie in about 8 strands of Krystal Flash and allow them to spread around the black fur. Trim them to the length of the hook.



4) Tie in the Fl. Fuchia color rabbit strip and take two winds around the hook to bring it to the weight eyes. Tie off the Fuchia rabbit and trim the excess. Form a head with the black thread and whip finish. Add head cement if desired.