

Fly of the Month, November - The Skunk

Hook: Size 2, 4, 6 - Salmon hook similar to Mustad 36890, Daiichi 2441 or Tiemco 7999.

Thread: Black 6/0 thread.

Body: Black coarse dubbing.

Tail: Red hackle barbs.

Rib: Fine silver tinsel.

Collar: Black hackle feather.

Saddle: White calf tail fur. (Kip tail)

photo #1



photo #2



photo #3



photo #4



Photo # 1 Start your thread on the hook and tie in the tail of red hackle barbs.

Photo # 2 Tie in the silver tinsel at the base of the tail facing backwards. Leave it for after the next step. Dub in a body of coarse black dubbing. Taper it (slender to full) as you progress toward the eye.

Photo # 3 Spiral wrap the tinsel over the dubbed body and tie off just short of the eye.

Photo # 4 Tie in a black hackle feather near the eye and wrap 4 to 5 times.

Photo # 5 Measure out a length of white kip tail - even to the body. Tie it in, as a saddle, over the top. Form a head and whip finish the thread. This is the completed fly.

A classic salmon and steelhead fly. This is a timeless but productive wet fly for all steelhead waters.

For Fly of the Month recipes and patterns, please visit our web site at www.firelandsflyfishers.org

Tom Zmina,
Director of Fly Tying, Firelands Fly Fishers