

## Fly of The Month February 2009 - Tom's Sculpin

### Materials

**Hook:** 3x-long streamer hook. Size 4 to 8.

**Thread:** 6/0 brown.

**Weight:** .015 lead wire.

**Tail:** Dark coyote tail fur or Alternate dark band of raccoon tail fur.

**Tail Accent:** Black Crystal Flash

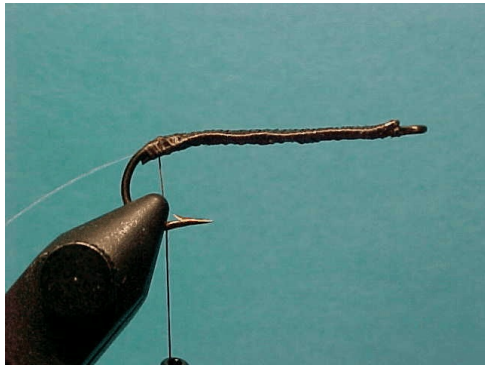
**Body:** Fiery Brown color Schlappen feather, dubbed.

**Dorsal body:** Natural color Rabbit Zonker strip. Tied in with #4lb mono-filament line.

**Fins:** 2 Grouse feathers.

**Head:** Brown ram's wool. spun and trimmed.

**Eyes:** 4mm dolls eyes glued in with Goop. Substitute lead eyes and skip the lead wire.



**Picture #1** Tie in the thread and lay the lead wire along the length of the hook shank. Tie in two thickness of lead wire along the sides of the hook. Tie in about 6" of mono-filament fishing line at the tail. Let it hang back past the hook bend direction out of the way. It will be used later.



**Picture #2** Tie in a segment of the dark coyote fur as a tail. Measure the length to match equal to the length of the hook shank sticking out past the hook. Tie in 8 strands of black Crystal Flash for accent. Trim the Crystal Flash equal to the length of the tail fur.



**Picture # 3** Trim the fuzzy bottom hurls of the schlappen feather and dub the fuzzy hurls into a body. Wrap only to the 3/4 point of the hook shank.



**Picture #4** Tie in the rabbit Zonker strip on the dorsal side of the hook shank and let it flow out past the fur tail. Trim the length of the zonker tail to make the fly 2 to 3 inches total length. Take your bodkin and spread the rabbit fur at the point where the #4 mono is tied in. Wrap the #4 mono over the rabbit leather where you spread the fur. Take caution to just contact the leather to keep the fur from being pinched down. Move up toward the eye about 1/4" and spread the rabbit fur again. Wrap the #4 mono around the body again to tie in the leather again. Proceed another few more times to complete the Matuka style tie in. Tie off the mono and trim off the excess. Do not cut the thread.



**Picture #5** Clean and strip off two grouse feathers. Tie in one as pictured on an outward and slightly downward angle to imitate the pectoral fin. Flip the fly over and tie in the opposite side with the same outward and downward angle.



**Picture #6** Shear off the rams wool and tie in at the head. Start with a loose wrap and pull tighter as the second wrap is completed. this will allow the wool to flow around the hook shank. Fill in with additional pinches of wool and allow it to roll around the hook shank as you tie it in. The head should be full in size to make the sculpin look natural. (They have a big head) Whip finish the thread, trim and add a small dot of head cement to just the thread whip finish. Pick the wool head with Velcro to fluff it out. Trim the head flat on the bottom with your scissors. Trim the head to taper it similar to a bullet nose. Glue in the eyes. Touch a black magic marker to the underside of the leather to stain it dark. Accent the body with black marker camouflaged dots and stripes to complete the fly.

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