

Fly of the Month, April - Stimulator

Hook: Size 8 light wire streamer hook

Thread: Fluorescent Orange 6/0

Body: Sparkle Antron dubbing, Fluorescent Orange

Palmer Hackle: Brown Furnace saddle hackle

Thorax: Angora Goat dubbing - Dark Fluorescent Orange

Rib: Fine brass wire

Wing: Elk Hair, bleached

Tail: Elk Hair, Bleached

Thorax Hackle: Saddle Hackle grizzly

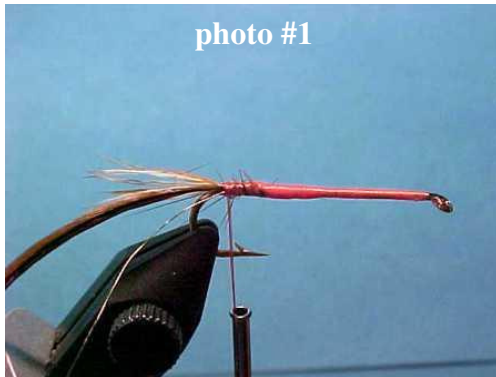


photo #1

Photo # 1 Create a bed of tying thread on the hook shank ending at the top of the bend. Tie in a tuft of a dozen elk hairs for the tail and trim off the excess. Tie in a furnace saddle hackle feather and the fine brass wire for later.



photo #2

Photo # 2 Dub in the body of sparkle Antron dubbing to the 3/4 point of the hook shank. Palmer the brown hackle feather to the same 3/4 point. Tie it off and trim off the excess. Counter wrap the fine brass wire to the same 3/4 point of the hook shank. Tie it off and trim off the excess.



photo #3

Photo # 3 Clean and stack a pinch of about two dozen Elk Hairs and tie them in on the top of the hook shank to measure even with the top of the bend (short of the tail).



photo #4, Completed Fly

Photo # 4 Tie in the Grizzly hackle feather. Dub in a tapered thorax of the Angora Goat dubbing from the Elk Hair wing to the hook eye. Palmer the Grizzly hackle feather to the hook eye and tie it off. Trim off the excess and form a head. Whip finish the thread. This is the completed fly.

The Stimulator is an attractor pattern for trout. This pattern can also be used as an indicator fly with a dropper nymph tied in below. I would even be tempted to try it in Smallmouth bass waters since it has the orange and brown coloration of a crayfish.

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