

Fly of the Month, December – San Juan Worm

Hook: Daiichi # 1770, size 10 to 14. Photo example tied on size 12

Thread: 6/0 color to match the Chenille

Tail: The example was tied in Rumpf Ultra Chenille "Mini Worm Brown." Use any brand of ultra Chenille or fine Vernille. Alternate colors are red, dark orange, peach, yellow, purple and any range of natural brown worm colors.



Photo # 1 Lay a solid smooth bed of thread from the eye to the hook bend.

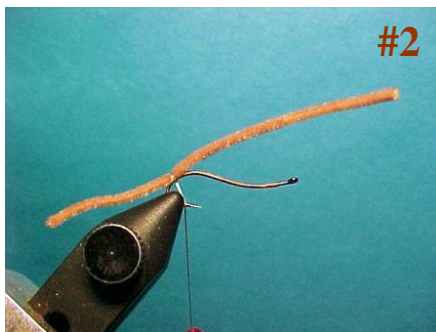


Photo # 2 Lay the Chenille on top of the hook with about 1 inch extending beyond both ends of the hook. Secure the chenille at the back with three turns directly overlapping.

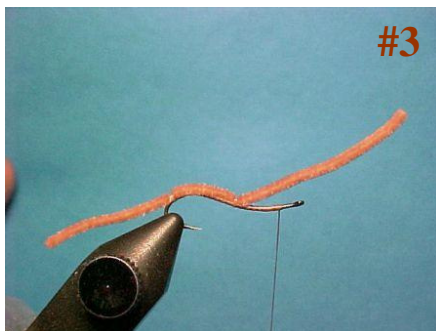


Photo # 3 Lift the piece of Chenille up and wrap the thread to the mid point of the hook shank. Secure the Chenille again with three turns directly overlapping. Lift the Chenille again and bring your thread to just behind the hook eye.

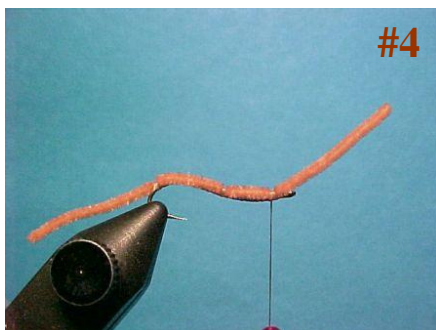


Photo # 4 Secure the Chenille again with three turns directly overlapping.

Photo # 5 Lift the Chenille again and whip finish at the eye. Trim off the excess thread. Use an open flame directly under the ends of the Chenille to melt / singe the tips of each end for a slight taper.

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