

BUNNY BUG

(Tied by Walt Sheppard)

Overview:

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This fly is simple to tie and the combination of rabbit fur and sili legs give it great movement with minimal manipulation.

Materials:

Hook: Mustad 3366 or similar (sizes 4, 6)
Thread: Flat waxed nylon or Flymaster+ (Fluorescent Orange)
Weight: X-small dumbbell (Plain)
Legs: Sili legs (pumpkin/black flake) or
Medium centipede legs (tan/brown)
Under wing: Polar fibre or craft fur (tan)
Top wing: Zonker rabbit strip (natural brown)

Tying Steps:

1. Create a thread base from the eye to the hook bend. Attach dumbbell eyes, Clouser style about 3/16" behind hook eye.
2. Attach 2 pairs of sili legs just in front of hook bend.
3. Attach a medium clump of tan polar fibre just behind the dumbbell eyes. Wrap thread all the way to hook bend and back to tie in point, creating a solid thread body. Whip finish, clip the thread, and remove the hook from the vise.
4. Cut about a 1" long zonker strip. Using a bodkin, pierce a hole in the center of the zonker strip about 3/16" from the end. Pull the zonker strip over the hook point; hide side to the hook shank.
5. Remount the hook (inverted) into the vise. Restart the thread at the hook eye. (Optional) tie in 2 strands of pearl krystal flash. Pull the zonker strip tight against the hook shank and tie down at the hook eye. Clip off any excess material.
6. Tie in a pair of sili legs on top of zonker tie in point. Create a neat thread head, whip finish, and cement.
7. Remove the fly from the vise. Trim the sili legs so that they extend about 1/2" beyond the zonker strip.