

# Zonked Squirrel Streamer



**Hook:** Mustad 79580 or similar hook size 2 - 8

**Tread:** 8/0 Olive

**Body & Tail:** Zonked Pine Squirrel in Olive

**Throat:** Wing N' Flash or similar material in Red

**Head:** 3/16<sup>th</sup> Tungsten Conehead with 3D eyes

## Tying steps:

1. Slide the conehead onto the hook and secure the hook with the shank pointing straight down in vise. Apply a drop of RIO UV Knot Sealer or Loon UV Knot Sense into the concave side of the cone. Do not use too much as you want to keep some room inside the conehead to allow the materials to slide in when finishing. *(NOTE: if you do not have UV knot sealer you can tie in conehead as you would normally do on other flies)*
2. Use one hand to properly position the conehead. Use your other hand to shine a UV Light onto the Knot Sealer to cure it and lock the conehead into position.
3. Start behind the conehead and wrap a base of thread covering the shank back to the start of the bend.
4. Cut a piece of the Zonked Pine Squirrel of around 5 inches. Make the tail approx equal to the overall length of the hook. Use your bodkin and part the hair in one spot so that the thread only wraps over the skin and not the fur. After 5 secure wraps, lift the squirrel out of the way and continue wrapping the thread to the base of the conehead. Apply a drop of head cement to the wraps securing the tail.
5. Start palmering the squirrel strip around the hook shank toward the conehead. When doing so, try not to wrap over the fur as you go.
6. Get a small amount of Wing N' Flash or similar material and loop it around your thread. Position this as the gill on the underside of the fly. Secure it with a few wraps, give it a whip-finish and try to get the thread to slide up inside the conehead. Add a couple 3D eyes to the conehead.