

Hunt's Perfect Scud

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Target Species: Trout

Recommended Region: Central US



Recipe:

Hook: 2457 TMC size 14-18

Weight: Lead Wire .15

Thread: Uni-thread 6/0 Tan

Body: Antron dubbing

Back: Thin Skin - Gray

Tying Instructions:

Step 1. Wrap about 10-12 wraps of .15 lead wire.



Step 2. Now build thread dams on each side of where the lead wire ends. Make sure you center the wire in the middle of the hook shank.



Step 3. Don't worry about thread wraps in the center yet. That will happen as you build the fly. Now you're ready for the wire.



Step 4. Tie in the wire and advance the thread back up to the front.



Step 5. Cut a strip of thin skin according to the size of the hook you're using. You want it to be wide enough to cover the back, but not to fold down the sides. You need to be able to brush the dubbing out after you get done tying the fly.



Step 6. Tie the thin skin in somewhere in the center. Tie it to the bend and advance the thread back up. Whip-finish the thread so you can make a thread base of the Fl. orange.



Step 7. Tie in the orange thread in the center. Make an even thread base to the bend and advance it back where you started. As you can see I only tied the orange on half of the shank. That's the way they look in real life, so why not do it to your flies. I guess that's why you see red thread heads on so many scud patterns.



Step 8. Start your thread back and wind to the bend.



Step 9. Now you're ready to dub the fly all the way up until you get right behind the eye. Always leave a little room for a thread head. Make sure when you're dubbing the fly you make a nice tapered look. You want it to be bigger in the back and smaller as you wind to the front.



Step 10. Fold the thin skin over and tie it in at the front. Cut the excess off. I leave a little tag over the eye.



Step 11. Get some pliers that have a flat side on each side and squeeze the lead wire to create a high back.



Step 12. Wind the wire making the wraps even all the way up. I like to space mine smaller in between.



Step 13. Whip-finish the fly and glue the eye.



Presentation Tips: Fish in chutes (outlets, waterfalls) or places where water is constantly washing up insect larvae. Make sure to fish the fly on the bottom of the stream.

