

Steps tied by Don Lieb

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Dave Harris has found this fly to be very effective on the lower Kings River, especially during the winter months. This pattern fishes very well during the early season at Hume Lake.

Materials

- Hook: 4x Long streamer hook size 8 to 4
Thread: Black 3/0 or A
Body: Pearl Mylar braid (or similar substitute)
Underwing: White Marabou
Overwing: Olive Marabou topped with 3 or 4 strands of black or brown Ostrich herl.
Head: Black thread
Eye: White with black pupil (painted or stick on)

Tying Sequence

1. Cover the front ½ of the hook shank with 10-12 wraps of .020 lead wire. Secure the lead front and back with the thread wraps, creating a tapered body. Cover the body with a coat of head cement.
2. Attach the body material one eye length behind the eye. Spiral the material back to the bend of the hook then tightly back over itself to the tie-in point and secure. Apply another coat of head cement.
3. Build the wing in three steps starting with the white marabou. Create a large somewhat flat head to accommodate the eyes. Note: Untwisting the tying thread during this process will help create a smooth head base.
4. Finish: Whip finish, apply the eyes, and cover with a coat of epoxy.

