

The Articulated Meal Ticket Fly

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Materials List:

Trailer Fly:

Thread - Uni-Thread - 3/0 Orange

Gamakatsu SL11-3H - Size 1

Tail/Overbody - Rabbit Strip Crawfish Orange Body - Puglisi Streamer Brush - Copper Rubber

Legs - Sili-legs - Pumpkin/Orange

Connection:

15# Mono

Glass Beads - Size 6/0 - Any Color

Lead Fly:

Thread - Uni-thread - 3/0 Orange

Gamakatsu SL11-3H - Size 1

Body - Puglisi Streamer Brush - Copper

Overbody - Rabbit Strip Crawfish Orange

Eyes - Lead Dumbell Eyes - Large White

Belly - Sculpin Fur - Natural

Head - Sculpin Fur - Brown

Rubber Legs - Sili-legs - Pumpkin/Orange

Trailer Fly:

- 1) Wrap thread to even with point on hook
- 2) Tie in rabbit strip with approximately 1" tail length. Leave remaining length in place.
- 3) Tie in Puglisi Streamer Brush and Palmer forward to about 1/4" behind hook eye. [Note - When wrapping switch hands to avoid trapping brush fibers underneath rib and work material back.]
- 4) Pull rabbit strip over body and tie in and cut off
- 5) Tie in 2 rubber legs on each side of fly about equal to length of tail
- 6) Whip finish fly

Connection:

- 1) Loop mono and run through trailer hook eye
- 2) Add 3 glass beads to looped line

Lead Fly:

- 1) Wrap thread to rear of hook
- 2) Tie in trailer hook with hook eye up [Note - This fly has one hook up and one down]
- 3) Tie in Puglisi Streamer Brush and Palmer toward front about 3/8" behind hook eye
- 4) Tie in dumbbell eyes on top of hook
- 5) Remove hook from vise and impale rabbit strip with approximately 1" as tail
- 6) Remount hook and tie off rabbit strip behind eyes. Loop the strip over the eyes and tie in and trim
- 7) Tie in light colored Sculpin fur on bottom of fly near eyes
- 8) Rotate hook and tie in dark color Sculpin fur collar
- 9) Tie in 2 rubber legs on each side of fly about equal to middle of trailer hook
- 10) Whip finish fly
- 11) Trim tail on lead fly to match rabbit strip on trailer fly.