



**May 2020**  
**FLY OF THE MONTH**  
**"Shrimp Shack"**



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## **Shrimp Shack**

This is a pattern I designed for coastal steelhead rivers. I was inspired by the first steelhead pattern my uncle taught me, the General Practitioner. The pattern is a stinger style fly with a pinch of weight on the backside. I originally tied this on a tube fly but found I needed more weight to get the fly down to the fish.

### **Materials:**

**Shank:** Partridge Intruder Shank 35 mm

**Hook:** OPST Swing Hook Size #1

**Wire:** Senyo's Standard Intruder Trailer Hook Wire size large

**Weight:** .025 Lead Free Wire (8 turns)

**Thread:** UTC 140, Fl. Shell Pink

**Eyes:** EP Crab/Shrimp eyes large amber

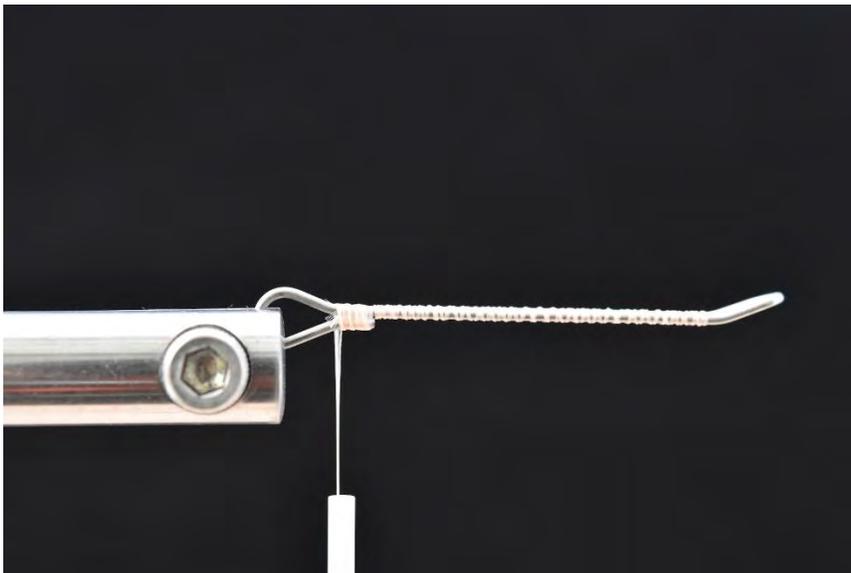
**Antenna Section:** Whiting Spey Hackle, Grizzly/Salmon, Krystal Flash UV Pink,

**Mouth Parts:** EP brush Foxy Brush 1.5" tan, Ostrich Drab feather white

**Dubbing:** SLF saltwater dubbing Fl. Shell Pink

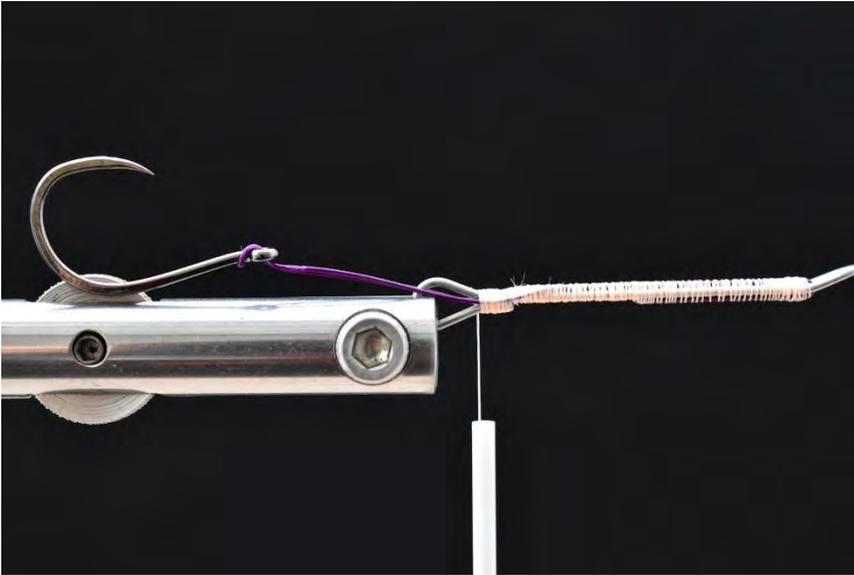
**Shells:** Female Golden Pheasant

## **Tying Steps**



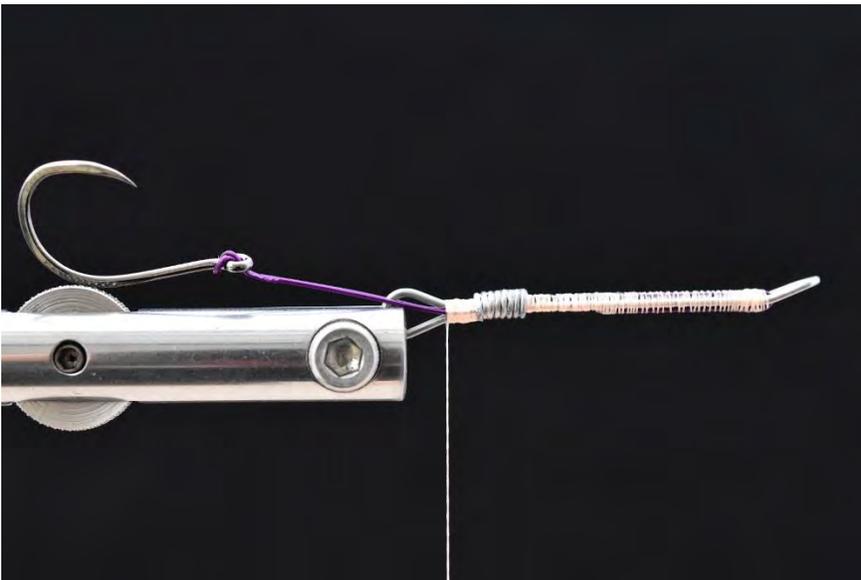
### **Step 1:**

Place shank into the vice and close the openings on the Waddington shank with thread wraps.



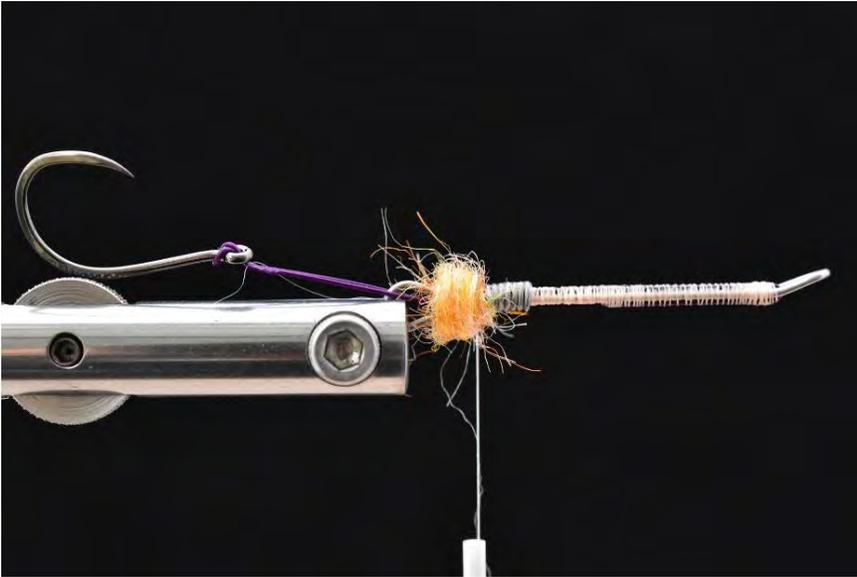
**Step 2:**

Attach the hook to intruder wire. The length of the wire should be 1" from the tie in point to the eye of the hook.



**Step 3:**

Wrap 8 wraps of 0.25 non-lead wire to the back end. Apply zap-a-gap to the entire shank and let dry.



**Step 4:**

Dub a small ball to the left of the wire.



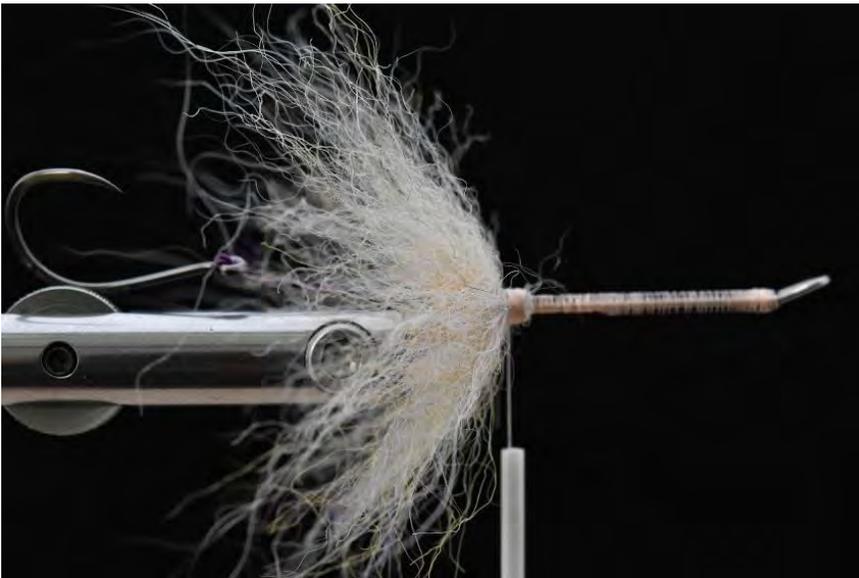
**Step 5:**

Attach a 2" piece of the EP brush on the first wrap of non-lead wire.



**Step 6:**

Wrap the entire 2" piece of EP Brush forward.



**Step 7:**

Use your bodkin to pick out the trapped hairs and then brush the fibers out with a toothbrush.



**Step 8:**

Add antennae to the sides of the shank. I wet them so I can see the length better. They should extend  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " from the tie in point.



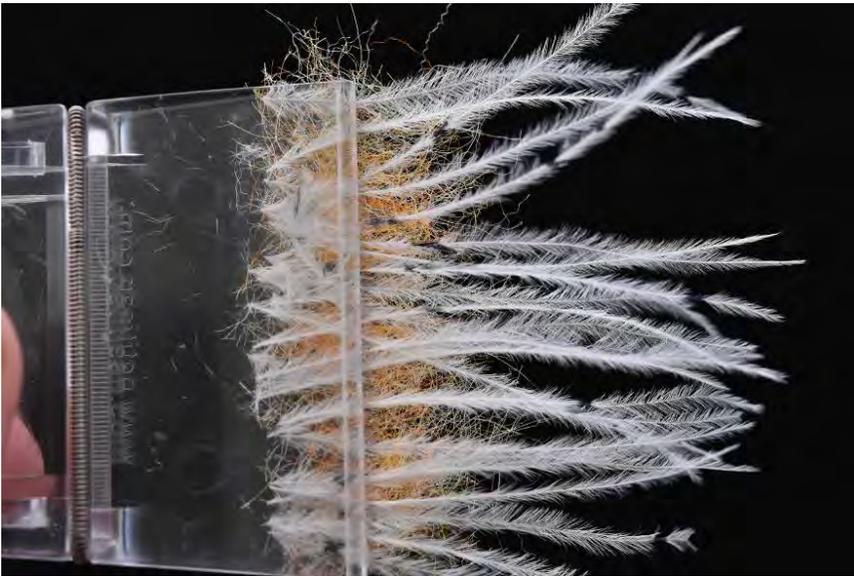
**Step 9:**

Attach monofilament eyes. The eyes should roughly extend to the hook eye.



**Step 10:**

Cut 6 strands of UV pink krystal flash and fold them in half on the thread. Tie them down on top of the shank. This will yield 12 strands poking out the back. Trim strands to different lengths.



**Step 11:**

Prepare a composite dubbing loop. Pull a good size chunk of dubbing out and align the fibers in your hand by stacking. This base layer should be about 2" in length. Next place about 25 ostrich herl fibers on top of the 2" dubbing base. I like to use material clips to hold everything together.



### **Step 12:**

Prepare a 3-4" dubbing loop. Place the composite materials in the dubbing loop and spin. Be careful not to get any materials that you already tied into the fly trapped in the dubbing loop. Wrap the composite dubbing loop forward. You should have enough to finish on the second to last wrap of non-lead wire. Use a bodkin to pick out any trapped material. Next, use a toothbrush to remove any material that was not attached very well to the dubbing loop.



### **Step 13:**

The remaining steps of the fly can be broken down into three segments (each segment roughly occupies one third of the remaining shank) At each segment complete steps 13-16. Attach a spey hackle by the tip.



**Step 14:**

Make a dubbing loop and dub to the end of the first third of the shank.



**Step 15:**

Wrap the spey hackle forward and tie off. Use a bodkin to pluck out any trapped dubbing or spey hackle fibers. Use the toothbrush to brush everything back and out of the way.



**Step 16:**

Attach a small length pheasant feather on the top of the shank. The length should be about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " shy of the eyes (See photo below). This completes the first segment. Repeat for the two remaining segments.



Top View of shell placement



**Step 17:**  
Completion of the first two segments.



Top View of second shell placement



**Step 18:**

Completion of the third segment. Whip finish and cement the head with some hard as hull head cement.

**Completed Shrimp Shack Fly**





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