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FLY OF THE MONTH
"Sherwood's Micro Diver"



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Sherwood's Micro Diver

Braden Sherwood takes a proven pattern and makes it better using Fish-Skull Chocklett's Articulated Micro-Spine system. It does take a little time to tie but worth it with the action of an articulated pattern.

Materials

Tail Section:

- Fish-Skull Chocklett's Articulated Micro-Spine - Tail Shank
- Small Saddle Hackles (can be replaced with marabou or any other tailing material)

Body Section:

Fish-Skull Chocklett's Articulated Micro-Spine, 6 mm (3)

- Body: Cactus Chenille
- Wing: Soft Hackles

Fish-Skull Chocklett's Articulated Micro-Spine, 8 mm (4)

- Body: Cactus Chenille
- Wing: Soft Hackles

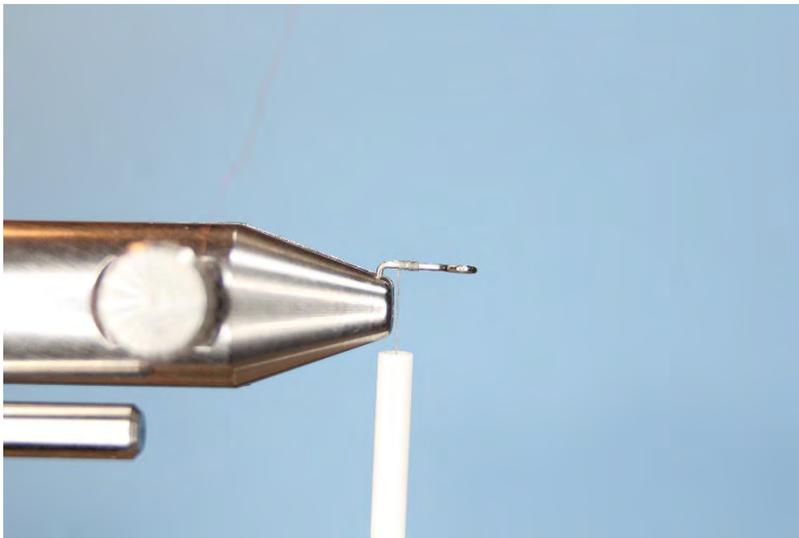
Hook:

Kona Universal Strong Streamer hook, size #1

- Body: Soft Hackles

Head: Deer Hair

Eyes: Surface Seducer Dragon Eyes, 6 mm



1. Start with Fish Skull Chocklett's Articulated Micro Spine Tail Shank.

Use a lighter thread such as an 8/0 or 6/0 thread for the tail section



2. Use a bunch of very small hackle feathers, tie them to the tail shank



3. Add a 6mm Fish-Skull Chocklett's Articulated Micro-Spine by attaching the spine to the one that is already in the vise.



4. Secure the 6 mm shank in the vise and close the opening with your tying thread.



5. Tie in Medium Catus Chenille



6. Two wraps of the cactus Chenille



7. Tie in a hen saddle feather. Will use two wraps of the feather



8. Add another 6 mm shank



9. Secure the second 6 mm shank in the vise.



10. Tie in the medium cactus chenille and hen saddle feather as the previous step



11. Add a third 6 mm shank. Tie in the medium cactus chenille and hen saddle feather as the previous step



12. Add an 8 mm shank
Tie in the medium cactus chenille and
hen saddle feather as the previous
step



13. Add a second 8 mm shank Tie in
the medium cactus chenille and hen
saddle feather as the previous step



14. Add a third 8 mm shank



15. Tie in the large cactus chenille and hen saddle feather as the previous step

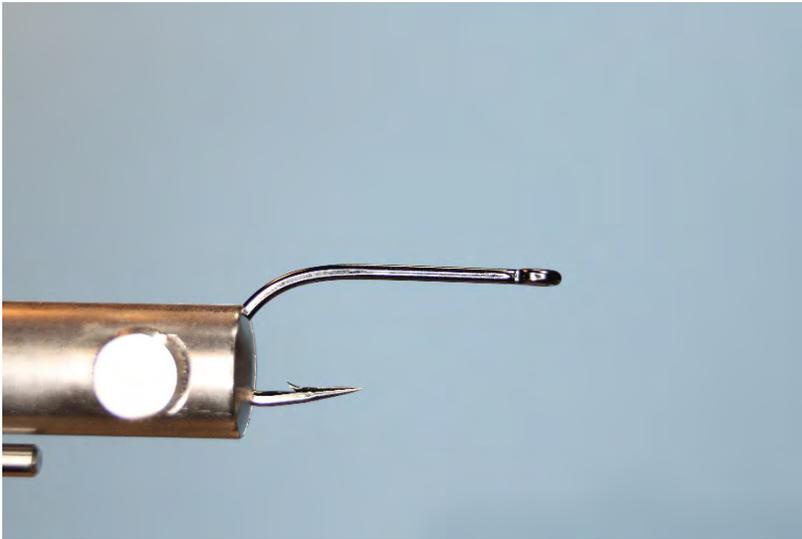


16. Add a fourth 8mm shank

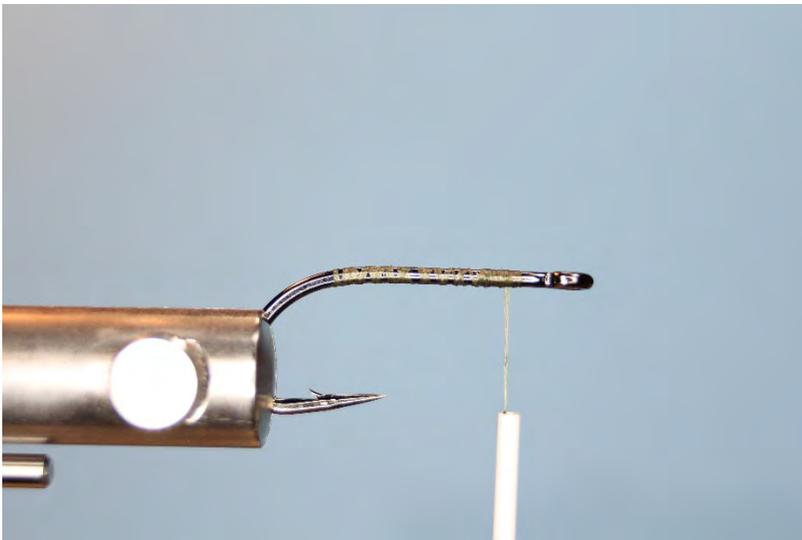


17. Tie in the large cactus chenille and hen saddle feather as the previous step.

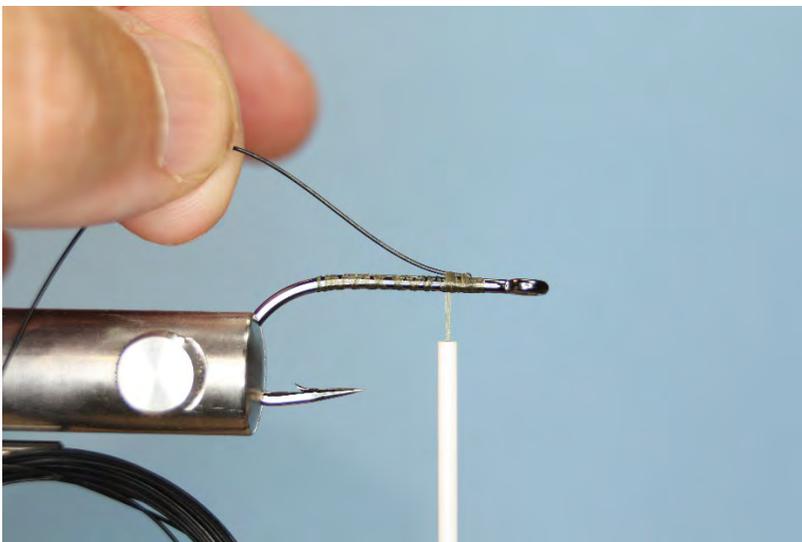
Completed tail section



18. Secure a Kona Universal Strong Streamer hook, size #1



19. Switch thread to a GSP thread for stacking deer hair



20. Tie in Intruder Trailer Hook Wire to secure the tail section to the hook



21. Attach the tail section using the trailer hook wire and secure the wire to the shank of the hook



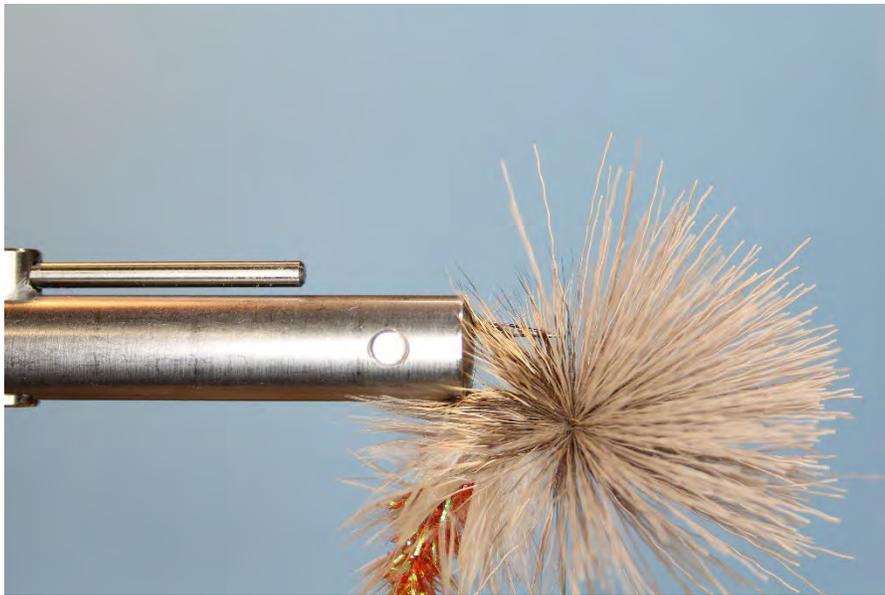
22. Tie in a larger hen saddle feather at the bend of the hook



23. Wrap the hackle at the bend of the hook, stroking the fibers towards the bend of the hook.



24. Stack deer hair, tips do not extend past the hook point. Tie a large stack of deer hair to the underside of the hook shank.



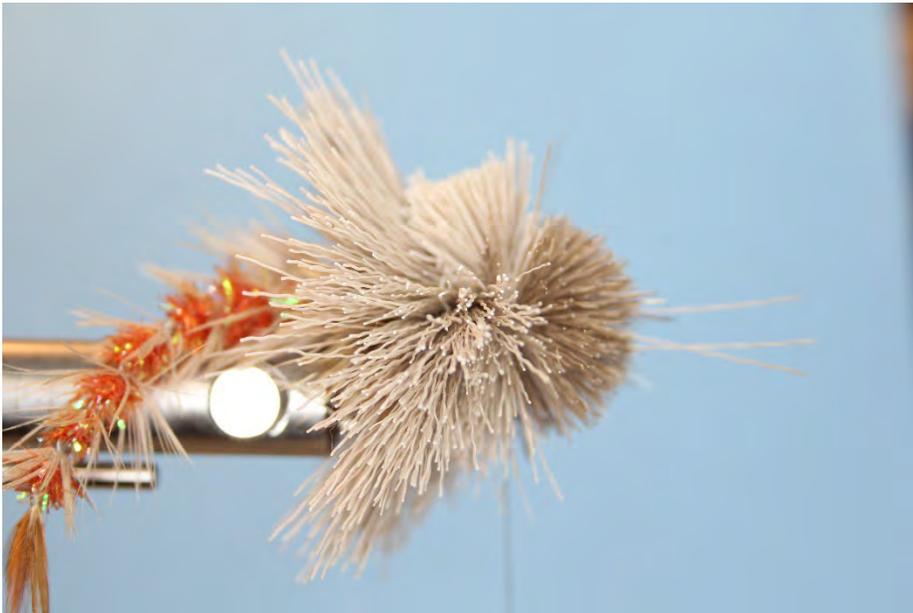
25. Pass the thread two times and pull the thread holding the deer hair so it doesn't spin



26. Turn the hook upright. Take another stack of deer hair and stack it on the shank.



27. Repeat the stacking process with a stack of deer hair on the bottom of the shank of the hook



28. Repeat on the top shank of the hook with another deer stack. Use a hair packer to pack the deer hair



29. Press down on top of the deer hair to form a funnel. Take a stack of black deer hair and lay it on top of the space and with the thread pull it down on top of the deer hair. This is stacking another color to form a layer of black deer hair on the top side.



30. Make another funnel and stack orange deer hair on top of the black hair.



31. Pack the deer hair



32. Whipfinish



33. Use a razor or scissors to trim to shape



34. Trim the bottom of the fly flat



35. Trim the head to a Diver Fly shape



36. Trim and keep a collar of hair so when this is pulled through the water the hair will help it dip under the water.



37. Glue eyes to the side and this is done.

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