

Cruncher

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There are literally 100s of variations to this fly.

This is NOT a fly you can find a dressing for in a regular fly tying book so I say:

“Hey, do your own thing.”



Dressing

Hook	Kamasan B 175 10 – 14	Thorax Hackle	Natural Green Peacock herl Natural/Orange Greenwell cock/hen hackle
Thread	Uni Thread 8/0 Fire Orange	Head	Whip finish and varnish
Tail	Red or Ginger cock/hen hackles		
Body	Natural cock pheasant centre tail fibres		
Rib 1	Fine/med holographic tinsel/lurex (3 inches)		
Rib 2	Fine gold wire (3 inches)		

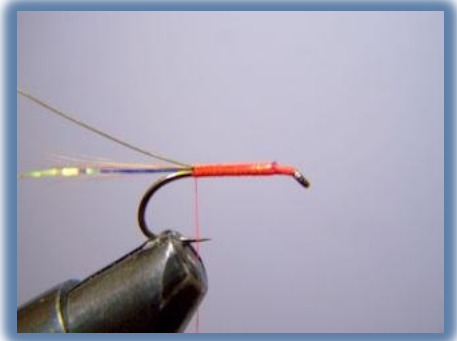


Step 1

Set hook in vice (ping it) and run on tying thread to halfway between hook barb and hook point.

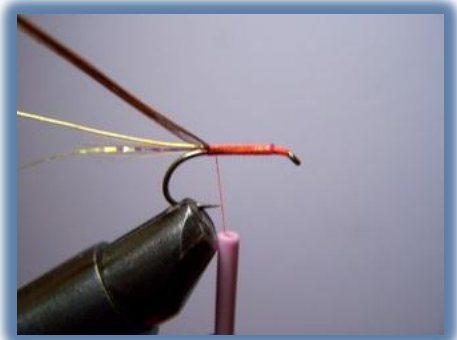
Tie in the tail of cock hackle fibres and secure to shank.





Step 2

Tie in a length of fine gold wire and the holographic tinsel or Lurex and secure to shank.



Step 3

Tie in a bunch of 4 or 5 natural cock pheasant centre tail fibres by their tips.

Secure with thread and return thread up to thorax area.



Step 4

Wind the pheasant tail fibres in close touching turns up the hook shank and secure behind eye.

Remove waste.



Step 5

Wind Holographic tinsel over the pheasant tail body in open turns and secure.

Trim waste.



Step 6

Wind gold wire in opposite direction to the holographic tinsel/lurex in even open turns along body.

Secure and trim waste.



Step 7

Tie in 2 lengths of natural green peacock herl and wind in close touching turns to form thorax.

Secure and trim waste.



Step 8

Tie in the hen hackle and secure with locking turns of thread.

Trim waste.



Step 9

Wind cock hackle (with hackle pliers) around hook shank 2 to 3 turns.

Start right up against thorax so hackle fibres are forced upright.



Step 10

Whip finish and produce a neat head and coat with varnish.



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