

# Zulu

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*This is a classic wet fly normally used on the top dropper as a bob fly and pulled through the wave. It can also be tied and fished as a dry fly.*

*A firm favourite with those fishing for sewin/sea trout.*



## Dressing

Hook Wet - Kamasan B175 - size 10 - 14  
Dry - Kamasan B170 - size 10 - 14

Thread Black

Tail Red wool or floss

Body Black seal's fur

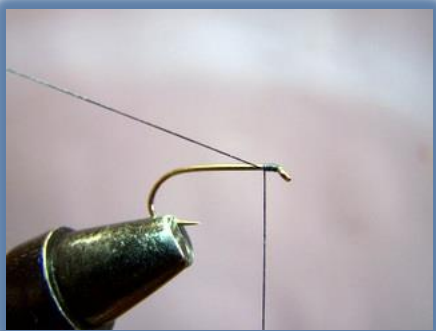
Rib Fine flat silver tinsel or  
Fine flat holographic tinsel

Body Hackle Palmered black cock hackle

Head Hackle Black cock hackle  
(Shoulder)

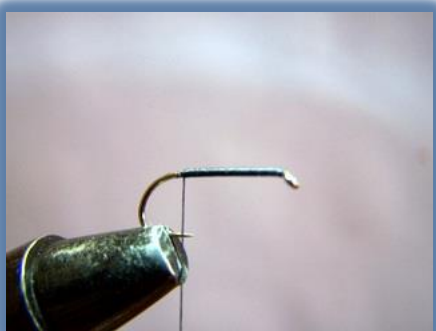
Head Tying thread

Whip finish and varnish



### Step 1

Secure hook in vice (ping it) and catch on black tying thread.



Wind in close touching turns down to hook bend.  
Remove excess.



**Step 2**

With tying thread at the bend and using pinch and loop technique, catch in tail of red wool/floss.



Then the fine flat silver tinsel.



**Step 3**

Bind down the wool and tinsel up the hook shank towards eye.



Remove excess and return tying thread to bend.



**Step 4**

Dub black seal's fur onto tying thread.



Wind dubbing up hook shank to create body, stop winding near the eye and remove excess dubbing.



**Step 5**  
Prepare the black cock hackle.



Tie in the black cock hackle at the front of the body. Secure and remove excess stalk.



**Step 6**  
Wind the hackle down to the tail in open, even turns.  
(If using a short hackle, grip it with hackle pliers.)

NB  
The hackle fibres should be  $1\frac{1}{4}$  times the hook gape. ie slightly larger than the hook gape



**Step 7**  
Keeping tension on hackle, make 2 locking turns of tinsel to secure hackle.



Wind the tinsel up to eye, using a rocking, wiggling, side to side motion to prevent trapping down the hackle fibres.



**Step 8**

Secure tinsel and remove the excess.



Remove the excess hackle at the tail and shorten the red wool or floss to the required length.



**Step 9**

Catch in slightly larger cock hackle, secure and remove excess.

NB

The hackle fibres should be 1½ times the hook gape.



Using hackle pliers, wind the hackle 2-3 times, stroking the fibres back with each turn.



Secure, remove excess and create a neat head.  
Whip finish and coat head with varnish.



The finished fly.

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