

Orange Yak Charlie Gotcha... Jerry Aldridge

HOOK	Mustad 34007, size 4
THREAD	Orange 6/0
EYES	Bead chain
BODY	Orange crystal flash covered with 25 pound monofilament
WING	Orange crystal flash, orange yak hair



1. Place hook in vise. Lay thread base from hook eye to a little past bend. Attach bead chain eyes 1/4" behind with a dozen figure 8 wraps. Lock eyes in place with a dozen horizontal wraps, under the eyes but over the hook shank. Spiral wrap thread back to bend.

2. Cut 4" length of 25 pound mono and place atop shank with one end butting against eyes. Secure mono in place with thread wraps from eyes to just past bend. Cut 5-6 strands of crystal flash and place atop shank with one end butting against eyes. Secure crystal flash in place with thread wraps from eyes to just past bend.



3. Wrap crystal flash forward in overlapping turns to cover shank to bead chain eyes. If enough crystal flash remains, take figure 8 wraps around the eyes and tie in the crystal flash in front of eyes. Wrap mono forward in touching turns to bead chain eyes and tie in on bottom of shank in front of eyes. Trim loose ends of flash and mono.



4. Turn hook upside down in vise. Cut 6-8 strands of crystal flash about 3" long. Tie in front of eyes. Cut a 2" length of yak hair about a round toothpick thick and tie in front of eyes. Trim ends of flash and hair, form a neat head and whip finish. Cover the head, eye wraps and body lightly with head cement.



Note: What else would you call it? It certainly is orange, made partly of yak hair and looks something like a Crazy Charlie or Gotcha. And most important, specks love it! I haven't tried out different colors yet but it should work in chartreuse, yellow, tan and black. Give it a try!