

Hook: Long shank stainless, size 2 to 6
Thread: Size G or 3/0 to match body (tan or gray)
Weed guard: 16 to 20 lb. test hard mono
Eyes: 30 lb. hard mono
Weight: .020 lead wire
Mouth: Calf tail (tan or gray)
Antennae: Grizzly sili legs (olive or pearl)
Body: Medium chenille (tan or gray)
Rib: 12 lb. clear mono colored with marking pen (brown or black)
Legs: 2 saddle hackles (variant or grizzly)
Back: Ultrahair (peach or smoke), krystal flash
Shell: Clear silicone



1. Make a bend in the hook shank at about the $\frac{1}{3}$ shank point until the eye is about even with the hook point. Secure hook in vise. Start thread behind hook eye and wind to about $\frac{1}{2}$ way down bend. Secure weed guard at that point with long end facing down. Wind over tag of guard up to top of bend.

2. Beginning slightly down the bend, make about 10 close lead wraps up bend and on shank. Cover lead with base of thread. Secure a matchsticks diameter of calf tail at the bend. Wind over calf tail and secure slightly down bend. Length of tail should be about the same as the hook gape.



3. Cut two pieces of sili legs about two hook shanks long. Tie in on either side of calf tail. Cut a 2" piece of 30 lb. hard mono. Crimp a flat spot in center of mono. Fold into a "V". Using a lighter or candle melt an "eye" on each end. Hold mono horizontally and push one end towards the flame, then pull it backwards. Be careful not to push mono directly into the flame or allow it to catch fire. Rotate the mono to shape the molten eye. When completed the "post" of the eye should be slightly longer than a hook gape. Allow to cool (gently blowing on the eye speeds this up). Repeat for second eye. Secure eyes on shank above hook barb using diagonal wraps. Color eyes black with marker.



4. Attach chenille at point slightly down bend. Wind thread to behind mono eyes. Attach mono rib behind eyes long end rearward. Color rib with permanent marker. Wind thread directly in front of mono eyes. Strip fuzz from saddle hackles, and attach by stem in front of eyes. Wind thread to about $\frac{1}{4}$ " behind hook eye. Wind chenille in tight wraps to front of hook and secure where thread is hanging. Cut excess.

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5. Wind saddle hackles immediately in front of eyes, and then forward to front in about 5-6 wraps. Secure at front about ¼" back from hook eye. Trim top of saddle hackle "legs" short.



6. Select about a pencil's diameter clump of ultrahair. Lay ultrahair on top of hook shank, between mono eyes, extending past the bend about a hook gape. Secure at the front (¼" back from eye) with several tight wraps. Cut ultrahair so it extends about ¼" in front of hook eye. Make one complete wrap with mono rib behind eyes, securing ultrahair. Secure ultrahair with mono along length of shank to hook eye in about 4 to 6 wraps. Secure mono rib behind hook eye and cut excess.

7. Pull weedguard forward under fly. Measure to length so about ¼" distance is between the weedguard and hook point. Secure weedguard behind hook eye and cut excess. (I like to burn a small "ball" of mono on the end to keep the weedguard from pulling out). Whip finish, and cut thread. Cut sili leg antennae to about 1 ½ shank lengths. Run a bead of silicone down back of fly from just behind mono eyes to directly behind hook eye. Lay about 10 strands of krystal flash on top the silicone. Add a second layer of silicone on top the krystal flash. Moisten finger in a dish of soap and water solution and shape the shellback. Allow to cure overnight.

