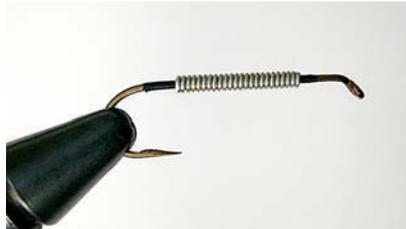


## The Woolly Bugger... Karen Brand

Hook	Mustad 9672, Size 4
Thread	Black 6/0
Weight	.025 inch round non-lead wire
Tail	Black marabou
Hackle	Black saddle hackle
Body	Large black chenille
Head	Black 6/0 thread



1. Flatten the hook barb and place the hook in the vise. Using a jam knot, tie the thread on the hook two hook's eye distance back from the hook eye. In close touching turns cover the hook shank with a neat thread base back to the hook bend.

2. Beginning at a point about 1/4 inch in front of the last thread wrap at the back of the hook, wrap about 20 to 22 turns of non-lead wire over the hook shank stopping 1/4 inch behind the hook eye. Clip the wire tag ends as close to the hook shank as possible and smooth the sharp ends of the wire with your thumbnail.

3. Over wrap the full length of wire with thread wraps to cover and lock the wire to the hook shank. Return the thread to the back of the hook shank.



4. For the tail, select a single long plume of marabou. Grip the plume between the thumb and forefinger of one hand at a point equal to one hook length. With your other hand strip away the "fuzz" from the butt end of the feather quill. Place the tail on top of the hook shank so the thumb and forefinger "pinch" the hook shank and the feather at a point even with the last rear thread wrap. Take 3 or 4 "soft loop" thread wraps, then 4 or 5 firm thread wraps at the tail tie-in point to anchor the tail to the top of the hook shank. Wrap the thread forward in closely spaced turns tying the stripped marabou quill to the top of the hook shank. Stop the forward thread wraps 1/4 inch from the hook eye. Cut away the tag end of the quill and take a few thread wraps to neatly cover the butt end. Return the thread to the tail tie-in point at the rear of the hook shank.



5. Select a long slender saddle hackle with barbs that are of a length equal to 1 to 1 1/2 times the *hook gape*. Tie the saddle hackle in at the last rear thread wrap point by its tip leaving about 1/4 inch of the hackle point pointing toward the front of the hook. Pinch-grasp the chenille 1/4 inch from its end and strip away the "fuzz" from the inner thread core. Using the tying thread, tie on the chenille by the striped thread core directly over the hackle tip. Wrap the thread forward in close turns to neatly cover the hackle tip and the chenille thread core. Continue wrapping the thread forward with a few spiral wraps to the front thread tie-on point.



6. Wrap the chenille forward with adjacent firm turns to the thread tie-on point. Tie off the chenille and cut away the excess.

7. Palmer, (wrap or hackle) the hackle forward with equally spaced turns stopping just in *front* of the thread tie-on point. Tie off the hackle with several firm thread wraps. Cut away the excess hackle and wrap a neat thread head. Cut away the thread and apply head cement.

