

Zonker Strip Bass Worm... Kevin Cohenour

HOOK	Stinger Bass Hook
WEIGHT	Cone or Bead, Large or Medium
THREAD	Black 6/0
WEEDGUARD	Hard leader material
TAIL	Rabbit Strip Zonker
BODY	Ice Chenille or Estaz
HACKLE	Black Rooster Saddle



1. Slide cone onto hook up to the eye. Attach thread behind the cone; wind down shank, halfway down bend, and then back up to bend. Attach weedguard material ahead of bend with long end pointing rearward. Wrap thread halfway down bend. Wind thread back up to the bend.

2. Cut a 3 - 4" piece from the zonker. With the hairs laying rearward cut or strip fur from the front 1/4", leaving a bare strip of leather. Attach at the bend.



3. Attach the chenille or estaz at the bend. Wind the thread to behind the cone. Coat the hook shank with head cement. Wrap the chenille in tight wraps to the cone. Stroke fibers rearward between wraps. Secure behind cone and cut excess.

4. Select a rooster saddle and strip fuzz. Attach directly behind the cone. Make two or three hackle wraps. Secure and cut excess. Make 2 to 3 snug wraps over the chenille/hackle tiedown area. Make 3 half hitches or whip and cut thread. Coat with cement.



5. Attach the thread at the eye in front of the cone. Pull the weedguard forward and through eye, leave about 1/4" between guard and hook point. Measure about 1/4" beyond eye and cut excess guard. Melt a small ball on end of mono and secure at side of eye in front of cone. Securely wrap thread over the weedguard tiedown making a small cone shaped head. Whip finish, cut thread and cement liberally.

Note: Try fly in different colors such as black, purple, olive, tan, brown. You can add rubber legs to sides of fly prior to securing weedguard for more movement. For faster and deeper sinking use tungsten cones or beads.