

Yellow Stimulator

Hook: Long shank dry fly, sizes 10 to 18
Thread: Orange 3/0 (size 10 to 14) or 6/0 (size 16 to 18)
Tail: Elk body hair
Rib: Furnace or brown hackle palmered, fine gold wire
Abdomen: Bright yellow dubbing
Wing: Elk body hair
Thorax: Amber goat
Hackle: Grizzly hackle palmered up thorax



1. Start thread at 1/3 back from eye position. Cut, clean and stack a small size bunch of elk hair. Tie in elk at 1/3 position. Hold elk together on top shank and spiral thread back to bend. Tail length should be one hook gape. Trim elk butts. Wind thread to 1/3 position. Secure wire from 1/3 position back to bend.

2. Dub body from bend to the 1/3 position, tapering wider to the front. Strip fuzz from base of furnace or brown hackle. Cut a 1/4" stem and secure in front of dubbed body.



3. Palmer hackle back to bend. Secure tip at bend with two to three turns of wire. Spiral wire forward through hackle to front of body and secure. Trim hackle tip and excess wire.

4. Cut, comb and stack a larger size bunch of elk. Using pinch, tie in elk on top of hook at front of body, extending to back of hook bend. Trim butts at an angle and cover with thread.



5. Strip fuzz from base of grizzly hackle. Cut a 1/4" stem and secure in front of wing. Dub thread with amber goat and wrap thorax. Stop thread about one "hook eye" distance back from hook eye.

6. Palmer hackle through thorax in about four turns. Secure hackle and cut excess. Wind a neat head, whip, cut thread and cement.

Note: The fly's originator, Randall Kauffman, prefers to tie it on a Tiemco 200 hook. This is what was used in the fly pictured. A standard "bend" long shank dry fly hook will work fine. Try this fly with a yellow, green or black body.

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