

Olive Cone-Head Woolly Bugger... Jerry Aldridge

HOOK	Mustad 3906B #6
WEIGHT	3/16" gold cone
THREAD	Olive 6/0
TAIL	Olive marabou
ACCENT	Root beer crystal flash
RIB	Small copper wire
BODY	Small olive chenille
HACKLE	Olive saddle hackle



1. Pinch hook barb and place cone on hook. Place hook in vise and lay thread base from cone to hook bend.

2. Select a single marabou quill. Stroke the barbs so they lay perpendicular to the center quill. Remove 15-20 barbs and place atop hook so that ends of barbs extend to the rear about 1 hook length from the bend of hook. Tie in barbs from bend to cone. Trim excess. Remove 15-20 more barbs and repeat process until tail is full enough to suit (usually 3 or 4 times). Return hook to bend.



3. Tie in 4-6 strands of crystal flash on both sides of marabou tail. Trim just slightly longer than marabou. Tie in 4-5" length of copper wire from cone to bend with end extending to the rear. Remove a 1/4" of "fuzz" from a 4-5" length of chenille and tie in the "de-fuzzed" portion at the hook bend. Return thread to cone.

4. Wrap chenille forward in adjacent, firm turns to cone. Tie in at cone. Select saddle hackle and remove the fuzzy barbules from the center quill. Tie the hackle in at the cone at a downward angle and the concave side of the hackle down.



5. Palmer the hackle to the rear in 7-8 equally spaced turns. Stop at the bend, take wire in free hand and wrap forward in 7-8 equally spaced turns. Take care not to trap hackle barbs against the body. Secure wire behind cone with several thread wraps.

6. Trim excess hackle and wire. Whip finish behind cone. Apply thread cement to thread wraps and inside cone. Voila!

