

Fly of the Month: DRAGON TAIL FLY by Pat Murphy

MATERIALS:

HOOK: GAMAKATSU SC15 2/0, DACHII 2477 2/0

TAIL: WHITE TAIL DRAGON TAIL

SKIRT: GINGER BUCKTAIL

REAR COLLAR: MEDIUM RED PALMER CHENILLE

HEAD COLLAR: MEDIUM ROOT BEER PALMER CHENILLE

EYES: 8MM GOLD-RED-BLACK GATOR EYES

UV RESIN: LOON FLY FINISH THICK

OVERCOAT: HARD AS NAILS (IF NECESSARY)

INSTRCTIONS:



1. Debard hook and apply thread base to bend.

2. Trim 1-1/4"-1-1/2" off tail to shorten somewhat. Be careful not to take off too much, or you will lose some of the tail action.

Prepare cut end of tail similar to chenille. Tie down tag end and some of the tail body at bend of hook.

Head cement.



3. Cut several small clumps of bucktail and tie-in at base of tail. Spread bucktail around hook shank, bucktail should extend over tail 2"- 2-1/2".



4. In front of bucktail skirt tie-in, 4" of Red Palmer Chenille. Wrap 4-6 turns and secure.

5. Tie-in 6" of Root Beer Palmer Chenille 8-10 turns and secure.



6. Wrap smooth tapered thread nose and whip finish. Apply Flex-tite to back of dome eyes and install each side of fly at nose. Apply UV resin over eyes and thread nose. Overcoat resin with Hard as Nails if necessary.