

Fur Leech... Original Recipe by Tom Nixon

The Fur Leech is one of many creations of the late Tom Nixon, Louisiana tyer and bass fisherman who many of us saw at Southeastern Council conclaves. My variation adds a bit of flash and some rubber legs. Both work well for bass and although I've yet to try it, should attract trout, especially big old browns, perhaps with a slightly shorter tail.

Materials

Hook	Gamakatsu B10S #1 or Mustad 3366 #1/0 or Mustad 34007 #1 or 2
Thread	Black 3/0
Eyes	Lead, medium, red with black pupil
Tail	4" Black rabbit strip, 8-10 strands red pearl crystal flash, large rubber legs, black, 4 3" strands
Body	Black cross cut rabbit strip



Tying Instructions



1. Place hook in vise, lay thread base from eye to bend and return thread to 1/4" behind eye. Attach eyes with a series of figure eight wraps finished off with several horizontal wraps above the shank and below the eyes to lock the eyes in place. Move tying thread to 1/4" behind eyes. Lay rabbit strip atop shank extending to the rear with skin side down. Tom's version call for "skin side up". Take your pick. Tie on strip from 1/4" behind eye back to the bend wrapping over the fur. Don't worry about the trapped fur ends - they will be covered later anyway.



2. Tie in 4-5 strands crystal flash doubled around tying thread at hook bend. Tie in 2 rubber legs doubled around thread at hook bend. The crystal flash and legs should extend rearward, half on each side of rabbit strip. Attach cross cut strip atop hook at bend, skin side down with fur to the rear.



3. Palmer the crosscut strip forward in adjacent turns to the eyes. While wrapping, stroke fur fibers to the rear making sure that fibers are not trapped by the next wrap. For fuller body, overlap wraps slightly. Nothing is harmed by rewrapping the body. When finished, take 3-4 securing turns behind eyes and bring thread under hook and in front of eyes. Wrap neat thread, whip finish and cement.

Special Notice from the Vice-President

The Nov. 3rd., club business meeting will have a presentation by two of our most experienced and respected members (otherwise known as Tom & Jerry) about their recent trip to the Northeast's prime waters.