

Half N Half

Original recipe by Bob Clouser

HOOK	Mustad 34007, size as desired
THREAD	Strong 3/0 or size "G", color as desired (Bob uses Uni-thread 6/0, Lt Cahill color)
WEIGHT	Dumbbell eyes of desired size
TAIL	Four saddle hackles, bucktail
FLASH	Flashabou
WING	Bucktail of desired color(s)
OPTIONAL	Epoxy



1. Secure hook in vise. Using 10 diagonal wraps each direction, secure dumbbell eyes at the 1/3 back from the eye position. Make 5-6 horizontal wraps below the eyes, but above the shank, to pull diagonal wraps tight. Wind thread to bend and back forward to above hook point.

2. Select four saddle hackle feathers of desired tail color. Tail length should be two to three hook shanks past bend. Marry feathers up, two per side, curving inwards. Match tips together. Secure above hook point and wrap over butts to about mid-shank. Cut excess butts and cover with thread. Attach flashabou running down both sides of tail.



3. Cut a fat matchstick diameter of bucktail (same color as tail). Clean out under fur and attach at about mid-shank with a couple wraps of thread, tips to the rear, extending to middle of tail. With fingers, work the bucktail so it rotates around, encircling hook shank, flashabou and tail.

4. Cut a fat matchstick diameter of bucktail (if using two colors of bucktail this should be the lighter color), clean and stack. Secure in front of the dumbbell eyes with tips to the rear. The butt ends should be just behind the hook eye. Length should extend about a hook shank's distance past the bend. Wrap over the ends toward the hook eye covering the ends fully. Pull the bucktail back between the eyes and secure.



5. Cut, clean and stack another bunch of bucktail. Wrap over the butt ends and cover fully. Build a tapered head, whip and cement. If desired, coat head and eyes with epoxy, and rotate until cured.