

## *Cook's Critter....Original Recipe by Vance Cook*

<b>HOOK</b>	Mustad 34007, size 2
<b>THREAD</b>	3/0 red
<b>EYES</b>	Hourglass, 3/16"
<b>TAIL</b>	Pink mylar tubing, medium
<b>SHELLBACK</b>	Pink mylar tubing, medium
<b>BODY</b>	Pink estaz chenille
<b>HACKLE</b>	Grizzly saddle, palmered
<b>BEARD</b>	Pink yak hair



1. Crush hook barb. Place hook in vise and lay thread base from eye to bend. Place thread 1/4" behind eye. Attach eyes there with 8-10 diagonal wraps around eyes and shank in one direction, then 16-20 wraps in other direction and then 8-10 wraps in original direction. Finish tying in eyes with 10 or so horizontal wraps under the eyes but over hook shank. A touch of head cement applied to thread wraps will keep eyes firmly in place. Return thread to bend. Cut piece of mylar tubing two hook shanks long and remove the cotton innards. Tie the center of tubing in at bend with several firm turns. Wrap 3-4 turns directly in front of tubing to prop it out of the way.



2. Attach a length of estaz in front of tubing. Attach a saddle hackle by its tip at same place. Wrap estaz forward in adjacent turns stopping just behind hourglass eyes. Secure there and trim excess. Palmer hackle forward with 5-6 turns stopping behind hourglass eyes. Secure there and trim excess.



3. Pull shellback forward along shank while stroking hackle downward with other hand. Secure shellback first behind eyes with 6-8 firm turns and then in front of eyes with 6-8 more. Trim excess.



4. Turn hook upside down in vise. Select and cut a piece of yak hair a matchstick thick and two hooks long. Tie in hair in front of eyes to form beard. Trim excess, form neat head and whip finish. Pick out mylar to form tail. Coat head, shellback and other exposed thread wraps with head cement.