

Stalcup's Cicada

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HOOK	Mustad 94831, size 8
THREAD	Black 6/0 or 3/0
BODY	Black poly or antron yarn
WING	Pearl crystal flash, white calf tail, orange squirrel tail
BULLETHEAD & COLLAR	Black deer body hair
LEGS	Black rubber hackle



1. Secure hook in vise and lay thread base from just behind hook eye to the bend. Cut a 6" length of poly yarn from the card. Separate the poly into one of its two or three strands. Tie in one strand of poly on top the shank from the bend forward stopping 1/4" behind hook eye. Wrap a 3 layer poly body (forward-reverse-forward). Tie in and trim the poly 1/4" behind eye of hook.

2. Cut a dozen or so strands of crystal flash 1 1/2" long. Place crystal flash on top body with rear ends extending just beyond the rear of hook. Tie in crystal flash 1/4" behind eye. Cut and stack a match stick sized portion of calf tail. Tie in calf tail on top the crystal flash, the same length and tied in at the same place. Trim the butts. Cut and stack a half match stick portion of squirrel tail and tie in on top the calf tail. Trim the butts.



3. Cut and stack a thick match stick portion of deer body hair. Tie the bucktail in 1/4" behind hook eye with tips extending forward 3/4" beyond hook eye. Keep firm hold of the butts and take 3 loose thread wraps and then 5 or 6 firm wraps to keep the bucktail in place. Lift the butts and trim as close to the thread wraps as possible without cutting thread. Cover butts with thread and wrap thread forward covering bucktail to point just behind eye of hook.

4. Return thread to 1/4" behind eye. With thumb and forefinger of left hand, stroke bucktail backward until all strands are laying to the rear and are spread evenly to form a collar. Tie in bucktail 1/4" behind eye. Cut two strands of rubber hackle 1 1/2" long. Tie one in on each side so that they extend backward past the end of wing and forward past the eye. Whip finish at the tie in point and cover exposed thread wraps with head cement.

