

Kiley's Crab Skinz



The Crab Skinz crab can be tied in three sizes 1/0, 1, and 2 and in any color that the tier would like by changing the color of the Micro Chenille and the color of the glitter. In this step by step we will be tying an olive colored Crab Skinz crab. The epoxy used for tying these crabs is the 30 minute and not the fast drying epoxy. The fast drying epoxy has been found to crack. A drying wheel should also be used for best results.



Recipe:

Hook: Gamakatsu SC15 size 1/0, 1, or 2

Thread: Mono

Weight: .025 lead Wire

Crab Skinz: Kiley's Crab Skinz with 30 minute Slow Cure Epoxy.

Note: I like the Bob Smith Industries Epoxy

Eyes: Mono Eyes. Loon UV to attach the eyes to the Crab Skinz.

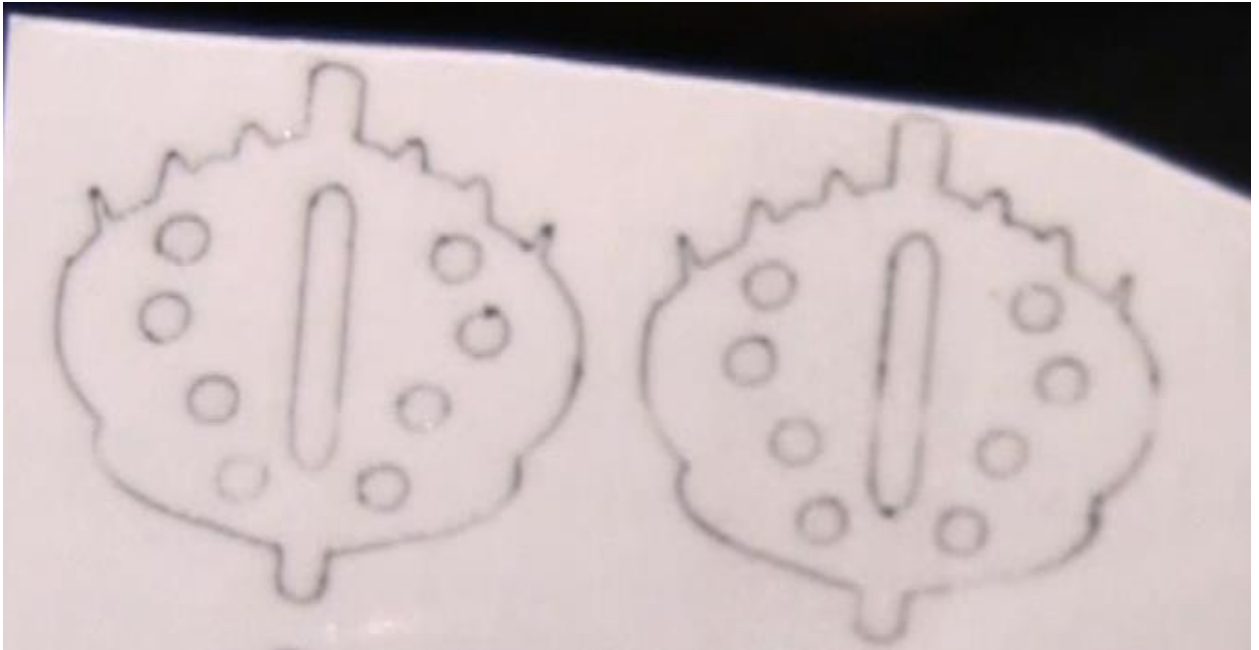
Legs: Micro Chenille Olive

Coloring: Dark Olive Glitter

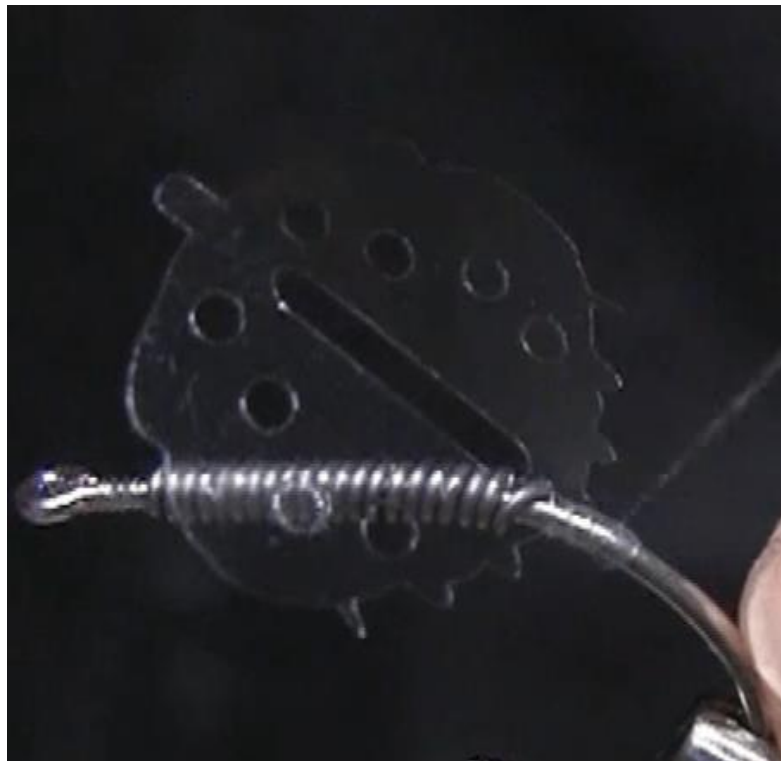
1. Wrap lead wire on the hook shank starting at the hook point and wrap forward to 1/8" of the hook eye.



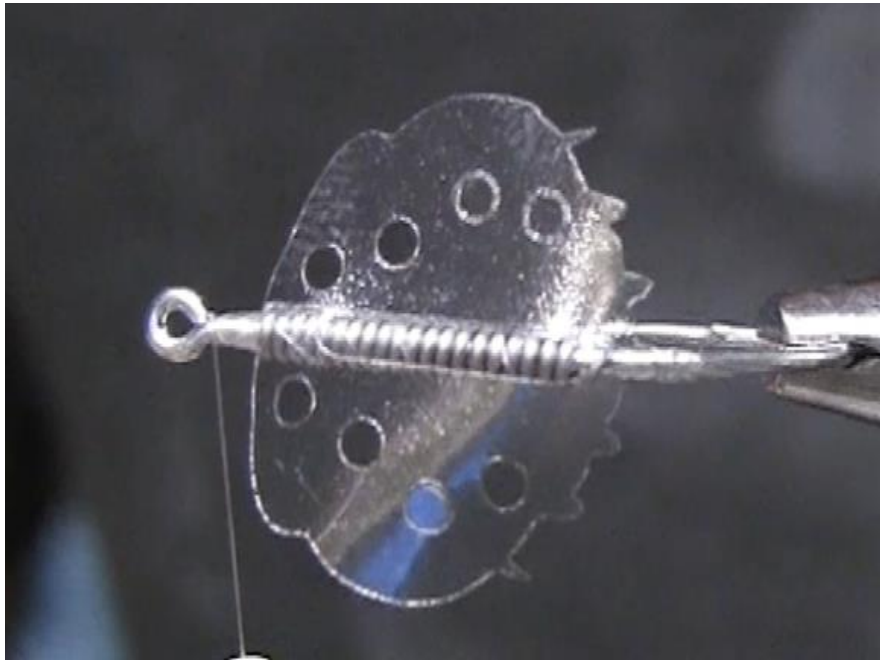
2. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap over the lead wire to the bend of the hook.
3. Pull the Crab Skinz off the sheet



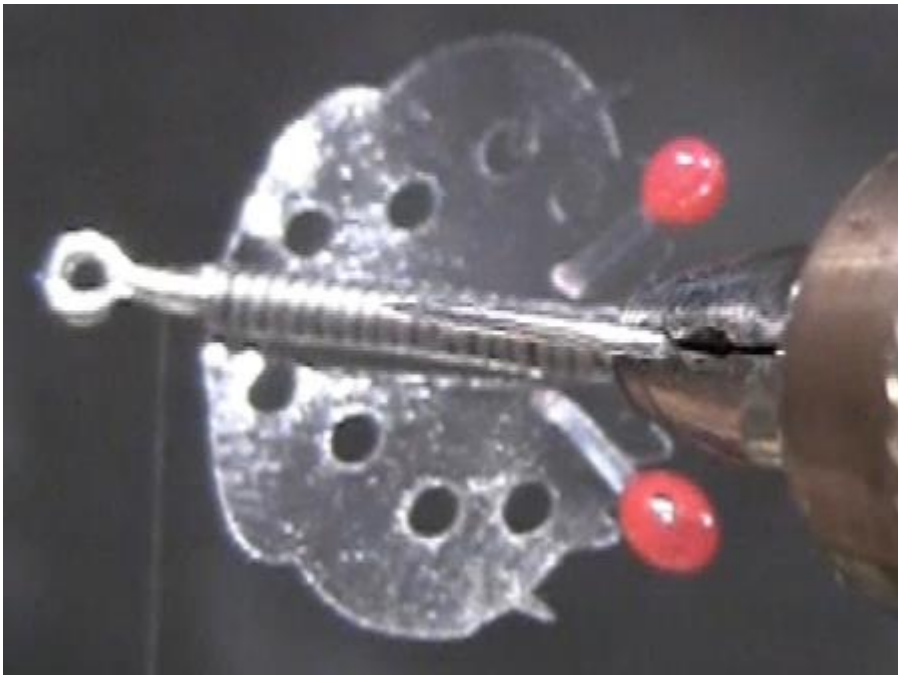
4. Tie in the Crab Skniz using the longer of the two tabs.



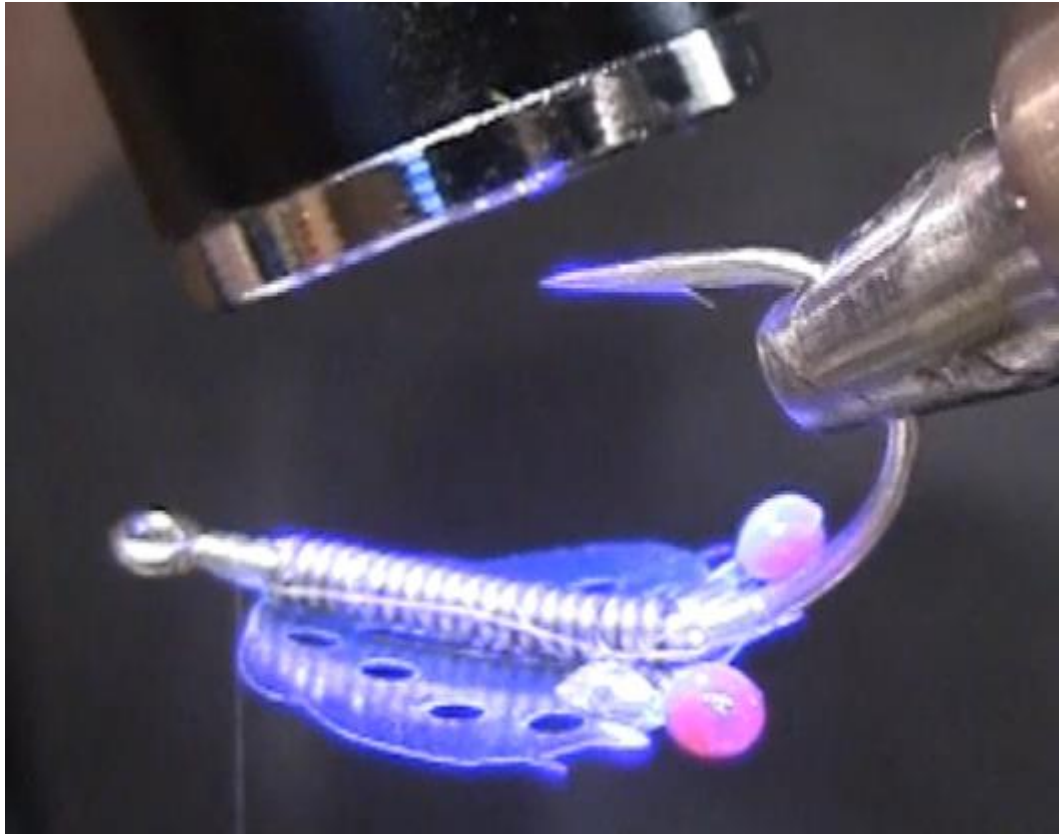
5. Advance the thread forward to the hook eye and tie in the front of the Crab Skinz.



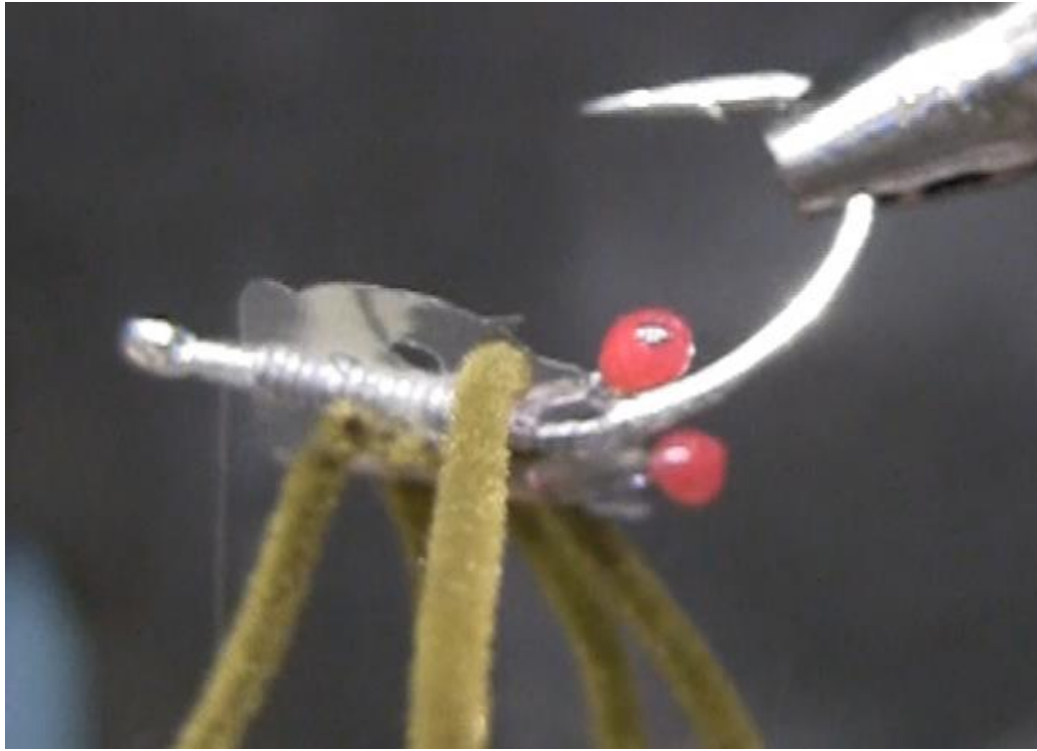
6. Attach the mono eyes to the Crab Skinz at the hook bend.



7. Use Loon UV to do the final attach of the eyes to the Crab Skinz.



8. Insert the 6 (3 per side) Micro Chenille legs into the Crab Skinz. The legs will go through the holes on each side of the Crab Skinz. Pull the leg through and then tuck the end of the chenille between the hook shank and the Crab Skinz.



9. A picture of the finished legs



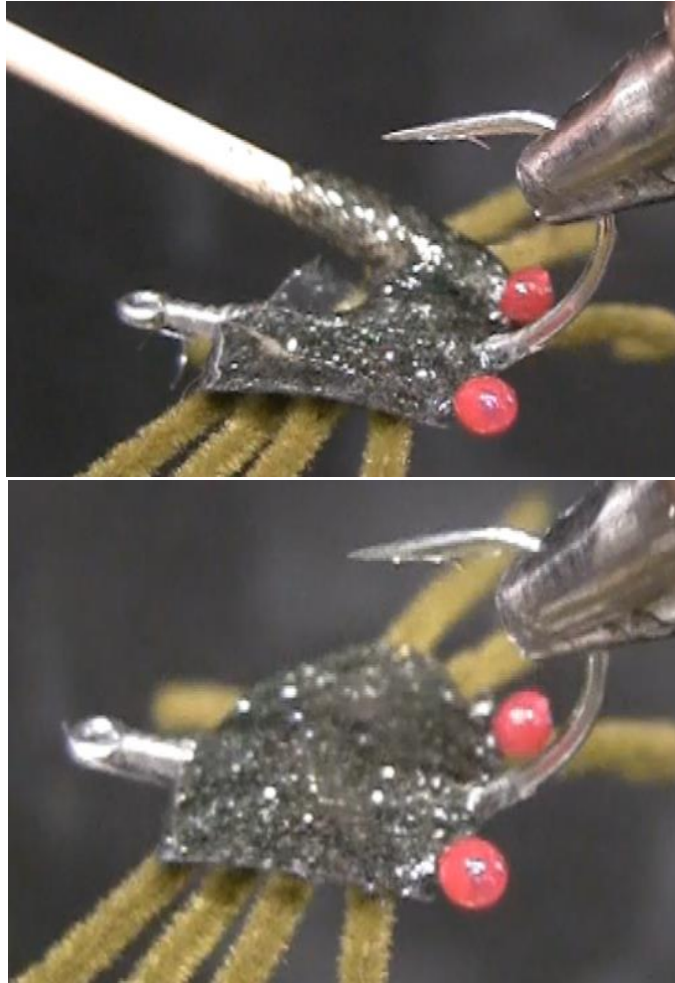
10. Whip finish (this step can be done before tying in the legs).

11. Use Loon UV to secure the legs. Run a small amount down each side of the hook shank and then cure with the UV light. You can also add some LOON UV to the top of the hook shank.



12. Mix the 30 Minute epoxy and add the glitter

13. Coat the Crab Skinz with the epoxy using a tooth pick to distribute the epoxy.



14. Put the fly on a drying wheel and after the fly is dried trim the legs.