

Fly of the Month



The Grapenut

As tied by Robert Fischer

What you need/materials

#1 Mustad standard length hook, lead wire (to wrap hook shank), gold holographic Krystal flash, purple chenille, purple calf tail, peacock feathers, glue.

1. Put a small bend in the first 1/4" of a #1 standard length hook to create the bend back. Crimp down the barb. Set it in the vise with the hook point below the shank.
2. Wrap a base of black thread along the shank to the bend past the barb.
3. Tie in lead wire at the bend and wrap it forward to within 1/4" of the eye. Small lead wire makes a slow sinking fly; large lead wire makes a fast sinking fly.
4. Tie in eight strands of small gold holographic flash at the bend by the lead wire. Cut to 3/8" long.
5. Tie in purple chenille at the same spot. Wrap the thread forward to the end of the lead wire.
6. Run a bead of head cement along the top of the lead wrapping and wrap the chenille forward to the end of the lead wire. Tie off. The cement will hold the chenille in place.
7. Invert the hook in the vise, so that the point is above the shank.
8. On the 1/4" of hook straight behind the eye, tie in a small bunch of purple calf tail. Make sure it is on top of the hook and reaches back to even with the bend.
9. Tie in another small bunch of purple calf tail that extends 1/2" past the bend.
10. Tie a small bunch of peacock on the top left side. Tie another small bunch of peacock on the top right side. Make sure they are equally balanced on the top of the fly.
11. Build up a head of black thread and whip finish.