

Joie's Articulated Leech

As Tied by Joie Coe



Materials

Tail Hook: Nymph #6 to #12
Body Hook: Any Streamer #4 to #8 with the barb end cut off at the bend
Thread: Black 6/0 Unithread or equivalent
Rib: Fine wire: silver, gold, red or green
Tail Body: Marabou: black, olive or brown. Several strands of Krystal Flash
Joiner: Fire Wire or braided fishing line (over 15 lb. test).
Lead Body: Narrow rabbit strip over a Glimmer Flash chenille or peacock herl
Head: Brass or silver bead. Red dubbing optional.

Procedure

- Tie on a few small clumps of marabou behind the eye of the tail hook. Add several strands of Krystal Flash between clumps. Apply head cement.
- Slide on the bead on the lead hook after the barb is cut off.
- Tie on a layer of thread along the shank of the lead hook.
- Loop the braided line through the eye of the tail hook and tie it along the length of the lead hook.
- Cement the braided line and thread along the shaft.
- Tie in the wire rib.
- Tie in the rabbit strip at the back with enough to cover the eye of the tail hook and enough to tie off behind the bead. Bring the thread up to the bead.
- Tie in, then wrap the Glimmer Flash body material or peacock herl towards the bead and tie it off.
- Or, lay the rabbit strip above the body and tie in Makuta style to form evenly spaced ribs towards the eye. Tie it off behind the bead. Apply head cement or super glue where the rabbit strip contacts the body.
- Dub in a bit of red Superfine Dubbing material behind the bead if this option is chosen.
- Apply head cement.

Joie says that the fish will not mangle the rabbit strip quite as quickly if it is tied at the opposite end from the bead then tie in the body material. The strip is then laid down, wrapped with wire and tied off behind the bead.