

Conehead Marabou Muddler

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Fly tying materials continue to proliferate. Not everything that's new is an improvement, and I scrutinize all this stuff carefully. Once in a while, something comes along that's really useful; in this instance, cone heads. They can make a great fly even better. For example, I offer you the Conehead Marabou Muddler. I find it most helpful to use a new, innovative type of thread here; either 7/0 Uni-Cord or something similar, such as fine Dyna-Cord.

The Tying Sequence:



Step 1. First, slide a cone head onto the hook. Then proceed as you would with a conventional Muddler Minnow, tying on the tail, tinsel body, and squirrel tail underwing. Leave plenty of space behind the cone, as shown.



Step 2. Add a small bunch of orange marabou and four strands of orange Krystal Flash.



Step 3. Add the turkey main wing. Place a small drop of Zap-A-Gap on the thread wraps and rub it dry.

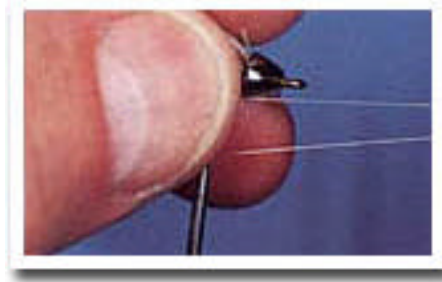


Step 4. Clean and stack a bunch of spinnable deer hair, trim the butts even, and spin it on behind the cone, tightening the thread and releasing the hair after the third wrap.

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Step 5. Add several more securing wraps precisely over the spinning wraps, then pass the thread forward through the hair butts, immediately behind the cone.



Step 6. Draw back the hair, make a whip finish, and cut off the working thread.



Step 7. Tie on in front of the cone with regular thread and take a number of wraps, thus forcing the cone back into the hair and stabilizing it. Tie off again and shape the head and collar, using either a sharp razor blade or scissors.

Don't hesitate to try different color combinations!

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