



Woolly Bugger

- Hook:** Standard Streamer Hook #10- #2
Thread: 6/0 to match body
Tail: Marabou Plume
Hackle: Neck Hackle
Body: Chenille
Flash: Flashabou or Krystal Flash

Tying Instructions

1. Attach thread to the hook shank and then tie in a marabou plume near the front of the hook shank.
2. Bind the feather down the length of the hook to the bend of the hook. The tail should extend one hook shank length from the tie in point.
3. Prepare a piece of chenille by removing the fuzz from the core for about 1.4" and then tie it in at the bend of the hook.
4. Take the hackle feather and tie it in by the tip being careful not to trap barbs of the feather.
5. Wrap the chenille to the front of the hook in touching wraps. Tie off and trim the chenille.
6. Tie in flash material in the middle so half of the flash can be pulled down each side of the flies body. Using the first wraps of the hackle hold the flash in place.
7. Wrap the hackle up the hook shank in evenly spaced wraps. Try to make two or three wraps to make a thicker collar at the front of the fly. Tie off feather and fold the hackle over itself and then form a neat head with the thread. trim the flash that extends past the back of the tail.



The tendency of most people is to tie this pattern with too long a tail. Keep it the same length as the hook shank, no longer. or it will foul and result in more short striking fish.

The Marabou provides an underbody to the fly. wraps of lead or nontoxic wire can add weight to this pattern. Cone heads or beads can also make heavier fly that will fish deeper.

Preparing the chenille properly will avoid a 'bump' at the back of the fly. Another way to make a thicker but smooth body is to tie in the chenille at the front of the hook.

Woolly Buggers can be tied in any color you desire. Favorites include black, olive, white and tan. Feel free to use your favorite colors.

Make sure to leave enough room at the front of the fly to tie off more materials and to create a neat thread head.

The flash along the side of the fly will radiate through the fly and result in more fish.

Folding the hackle over makes for a more secure tie in. If you wish adding a wire rib counter wound through the fly will add to its durability.



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