

## **Woolly Worm**

**Hook:** Standard Nymph Hook # 14 - #6

Thread: 6/0 Black
Tail: Wool (red)

Hackle: Grizzly Neck Hackle

Body: Chenille (choice of color)

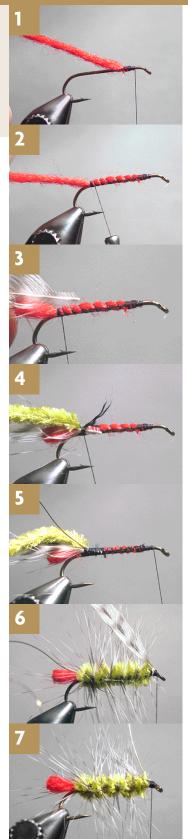
Rib: Fine Gold Wire (Optional)

## **Tying Instructions**

- 1. Attach thread near the hook eye and then tie in the wool near the front of the hook.
- 2. Wrap the thread to the bend of the hook while holding the wool taught on the top of the hook shank.
- 3. Prepare a feather by cutting a "fish comb" at the base of the feather and tying it in at the bend of the hook.
- 4. Prepare the chenille by stripping the fuzz from the thread core. Tie in the thread core. Tie in the wire at this point if desired.
- Take the thread to a point one hook eye back from the eye of the hook. Wrap the chenille forward to cover the body. Tie off and trim the chenille.
- 6. Wrap the hackle forward in evenly spaced wraps and tie off at the front of the hook. Fold the hackle back, secure with a few more wraps of thread and then trim the hackle.
- Wrap the wire in the opposite direction to the hackle to reinforce it. Tie off the wire, trim and then form a neat head with the thread.



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Tying the wool in at the front of the hook and wrapping it back makes for a neat even body.

The wool offers fish a "target". Red is an excellent color and other bright florescent colors can also be effective.

The fish comb makes the hackle tie in securely, grizzly hackle has a nice mottled look.

Preparing the chenille. makes for a smoother body and better looking fly.

The chenille wraps should touch one another but not overlap. This will make a full, even body. Try this pattern in a variety of colors. Olive, brown, yellow, chartreuse and black are all popular.

The grizzly hackle makes for a buggy looking fly. Notice that with a properly sized hackle the barbs stick out just a bit more than the hook gap.

The wire rib adds reinforcement to the fly and a small amount of flash that can entice a reluctant fish to bite..