



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.
5. 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.
7. 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.



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..



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