



Dustin's Leech

- Hook:** Salmon or Steelhead Heavy Wire Hook #6- 1/0
- Thread:** 6/0 black
- Tail:** Zonker Strip (purple)
- Throat:** Marabou (hot orange)
- Flash:** Flashabou (copper)
- Collar:** Saddle hackle (red)
- Egg:** Chenille (hot pink)

Tying Instructions

1. Attach thread at the bend of the hook and wrap lead wire on the hook shank if desired.
2. Take a piece of zonker strip and separate the fur so a clean tie in point can be lashed to the hook at the hook bend. then pull the zonker strip out of the way and wind the thread to a point about 3-4 hook eye widths from the front of the fly.
3. Tie in the zonker strip at this location and secure with several wraps of thread. trim the zonker strip.
4. Tie in a piece of woolly bugger marabou on the underside of the fly as a throat. The marabou should extend to just past the hook bend.
5. Tie in the flash material on either side of the fly. The flash should extend to the back of the zonker strip.
6. Tie in and wrap the collar hackle. This should be at a point just in front of the marabou and rabbit strip tie off point.
7. Prepare chenille and tie it in in front of the collar hackle. Make two or three wraps of chenille to create an "egg" like front to the fly. Tie off the thread, trim and cement.



A solid hook is needed to keep attached to strong fish like salmon and steelhead. Also you may weight this pattern by adding lead wire to the hook shank at this point.



Be careful not to trap fur fibers at this step. The tail should extend about 1 hook shank length to add more motion and avoid getting tangled around the hook too much.



Notice the zonker strip lays straight along the top of the hook shank. For larger patterns "magnum strips" can be used and don't be afraid to experiment with different colors.



The hot throat of marabou adds contrast, motion and a larger profile to this fly.



Flash is a key ingredient in any fly designed to attract the attention of steelhead. You can use a variety of colors if you wish.. Copper, gold, pearl and red are favorites.



A red throat is a key trigger found on many fly patterns. The collar should be tied full as it also helps push water and makes the materials behind it wiggle more.



The "egg" can be tied in a variety of colors and with different chenille. Try Cactus Chenille or any chenille with flash built in if you want a brighter fly.



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