

Fly Pattern Sheet:

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M.Creek Hammer Pattern:

Materials Needed:

Rear Hook: Size 4 Daiichi 2450 or other straight eye hook with a reasonable big eye Front Hook: 55 mm Flymen Articulated shank

Tail: 2 Brown Hen feathers or Grizzly Marabou, Pink or red sparkly rubber legs Rear Hook Body: Tan, brown, olive, or peacock dubbing

Eyes: Large Plastic Pearl craft eyes held together by wire--typically sold in a craft store Rear Hook Body: Tan or peacock dubbing (or both) with peacock ice wing over top Pectoral Fins: 4 mallard feathers (2 to each side) with pink rubber legs wedged in between.

Head: Tan, Brown, or Olive Wool. Ice Dub or Australian possum are good substitutes.

Foam: Olive Frog Foam cut in a triangular shape, pulled over the head.

Steps for tying this fly:

- 1. Put rear hook in vice, and cover it with thread. Then cover it with heavy lead wire.
- 2. Tie in a hen hackle. On the side that is curving, put some pink or red sparkly rubber legs. Tie in a second hen hackle that faces the same direction as the other one. The two hackles should sandwich the tail.
- 3. Dub a body on the rear hook of one of the earthtone dubbings and finish the rear hook.
- 4. Insert the rear into the shank, insert the shank into your vise, and use thread to secure the connection.
- 5. Tie in the eyes at the front of the shank, and return the thread to the rear.
- 6. Dub a body on the front hook of one of the colors of your choice. Intersperse the dubbing with some peacock ice wing on top of the hook. The dubbed body should cover 2/3 of the hook shank.
- 7. Tie in a mallard flank feather on each side of the hook. Next, tie in some pink rubber legs on each side of the hook. Complete this by adding another flank feather to each side. All feathers should curve away from the hook.
- 8. Tie in a piece of frog foam, cut to the shape of a triangle with a little extra on the long end. Leave it hanging over the front of the hook.
- 9. Behind the eyes, tie in the head material of your choice in the form of a large clump. 10. Directly behind the eyes, lash down the foam so that if folds over the head.

Comments: Most flies that I tie are not this time consuming, but this one has great action and really catches fish. One of its real benefits is that you can move it in short bursts and still get movement from the fly. This fly is great for smallmouth; for trout use red for the fins. Carry a scissors to cut the foam and customize the action of the fly.