



Woolly Bugger

Dai-Riki #710 sizes 4-12 (or similar hook style)

Bead or cone (gold, silver, bronze) (optional)

Weight wire (optional)

In the color(s) of choice:

Thread

Marabou - tail

Chenille - body

Hackle feather – hackle

1. Mash barb of hook
2. Slide optional bead onto hook taking care to have small hole go first
3. Add 4 to 6 wraps of lead (or otherwise weight) wire (optional) behind the bead
4. Tie thread over wire to secure, then wrap the thread back to the bend of the hook.
5. Tie in a nice clump of marabou for the tail (the marabou should extend about the same length as the hook shank past the bend of the hook).
6. At the same spot where the tail is tied, tie in a hackle feather. (Don't need to use the good feathers here)
7. At the same spot tie in a piece of chenille. (If possible, strip chenille off of thread to expose the "root" thread to allow for a tight and flat tie. Then wrap the thread forward to about 1/4 " behind the bead.
8. Wrap chenille forward making a bullet like tapered body. Tie off and clip chenille
9. Wrap hackle around body moving forward in a palmer fashion. Stroke hackle fibers back with each turn to have them slope slightly rearward. Tie hackle off near bead and trim.
10. Complete with 4 to 6 whip-finish wraps. Cut thread.
11. Apply head cement.

The sky is the limit with these. In addition to the standard black, olive, white... one can do contrasting colors to allow more visibility in murky waters (eg. black on yellow). One can add tinsel to the body, flashabou to the tails all to give more "glitter" the bugger.