

LADY BUG

A Variation of a Glenn River Pattern
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Materials List:

Hook: Daiichi 1250 or 1251, Size 16 to 20

Thread: 8/0 – 10/0, Black

Body: Canadian Diamond Dubbing (peacock black)

Shellback: Closed Cell Foam (red, orange)

Eyes (Optional): Black Mono Eyes, extra small, or make your own out of mono

Head: Superfine Dubbing

Directions:



1. Mount your thread about a hook eye's width from the head and tie a thread base to above the tip of the hook. Create a thread loop a couple of inches long hanging off the back of the hook and secure in place with the tying thread. Move thread back to the midpoint of shank. If using eyes, tie them on about 1 ½ eye widths behind head.



2. Your foam strip should be about 3/16" wide. Cut the tie in point as indicated in the picture.



3. Starting at the midpoint of the hook shank, tie in your foam using wide wraps back to just past the hook point. Snug the foam down.

Create the underbody using your peacock dubbing. Do not use too much dubbing on your thread (less is more) and twist it on tightly as it is a coarse material. Wrap dubbing forward over the foam, stopping at the end of the foam – do not crowd the eye.



4. Fold foam over the body and tie down at the 1/3 point. Do not over tighten first couple of wraps as you can cut the foam. Stretch tag end and trim off excess foam. Tie down remaining foam securely. Note if using eyes, tie down foam at least an eyes width behind eyes.



5. Pull the thread loop over the shell case and tie down. Keep it centered. Do not pull too tight but it should be tight enough to make it look like a slit line in the case.

Using the superfine dubbing, create the pronotum. Tie off and create a small thread head. Whip finish and remove the thread.



6. Using a black sharpie pen, add spots to the shell case.

Species caught: brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout