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Materials (*substitute as necessary*)

Hook: size 4 to 8 - 3XL

Bead: 3/16 or 5/32" Gold (hook size)

Tail: olive strung maribou, thin tips plucked off

Body: standard olive chenille

Hackle: olive grizzly size 4 to 8 gauge

Tail flash: 3 strands gold crystal

Thread: olive UTC 140 denier

Weight: 0.20" lead or tungsten wire

Adhesive: Superglue for tacking wire in place (Gorilla Glue)
Head cement for final thread wraps

Comments

The woolly bugger fly is based on the very old woolly worm pattern described in Izaak Walton's 1653 book 'The Compleat Angler'. Russel Blessing of Pennsylvania is credited with designing the woolly bugger in 1967.

The woolly bugger is one of the most common and versatile fly patterns. It can be used in lakes, rivers and streams, and for fishing beaches and tidal flats in salt water. Woolly buggers are tied in a variety of colours to imitate leeches, dobson fly larvae (hellgrammites), crayfish, shrimp, dragonfly and stonefly nymphs, drowning terrestrial insects, and baitfish.

Olive, brown and black are commonly used in freshwater. Brighter colours and combinations of colours are popular for steelhead, salmon and saltwater use. The underbody can be weighted with heavy wire or not, and hook sizes can vary from 2 to 14 depending on the application.