

Reverse Spider Fly Pattern

Background: This is classic coastal cutthroat pattern was designed by Mike Kinney in the mid 1970's and is presented on youtube by Timothy Bird. Tied with a size 8 or 10 hook it is an excellent cutthroat pattern that can be fished deep or near the surface. The hackle is tied 'Tenkara style' with forward facing barbules that pulse around the body as the fly is stripped in using constant small to medium-length strips. When tied on size 6 or 4 hooks it serves as an attractor fly for coho salmon.

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q007uZDoVuE>



Materials:

Hook: Umqua U203 curved straight eye size 8

Thread: UTC 70 black

Hackle: Lady Amherst neck feather, or strung natural Guinea fowl

Body: midnight or midnight fire New Age chenille, medium thickness

Tail: Centre tip of feather used for the hackle

Instructions:

1. Tie a short thread base near the eye, wrap back to the eye.
2. Fold barbs of hackle back from the tip, leaving sufficient tip for the tail.
3. Position the tip of the feather lined up with the shaft at the eye of the hook facing towards the point of the hook, curve of the feather down.
4. Tie in the tip with a few wraps of thread, trim the excess tip and save for the tail. It is good practice to use glue to anchor the tip of the hackle before you begin to wind it into place.
5. Wrap the thread down the shank to the point of the hook.
6. Tie in the tail with a few thread wraps. It should project about a half the length of the shaft beyond the hook.

7. Wrap the tread forward to about 1/8 inch behind the eye. Moisten the hackle and wrap it two or three times around the shank, carefully stroking the barbules forward as you wrap. Tie it off with a few wraps of thread and a half hitch.
8. Wrap the thread to the mid point between the hackle and the tail
9. Strip 1/8 inch of chenille from the cord base and anchor it at the shank's mid point facing forward (chenille body trailing towards the tail).
10. Wrap the thread back to the base of the tail.
11. Wind the chenille forward to the base of the hackle, then backwards to to base of the tail. Tie it off, apply glue, and the fly is complete.