

Smitty's Fly Box: Cruella De Vil



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As I was tying flies one day with one eye on the vise and the other eye on my daughter (she was watching her favorite Disney movie "101 Dalmatians") I noticed the colors I was using in my fly matched the colors of the main villain in the movie ... hence the name Cruella de Vil. as I tied the same fly in different colors, I used other "sinister" names for my assassin flies --The Green



Cruella de Vil

Meanie, Purple Peril! Dead -drift this fly as you would any nymph (free-line or under an indicator). If you want to be more proactive you can also fish it like an emerger, rising it to the surface with finger rolls or small twitches. Either way, hungry fish will take notice!

Smitty

Materials (Listed in the order they are attached to the hook.)

Hook: Mustad Model R50-94840 Size 10

Thread: 70 Denier UNI-Nylon or your preference (Black)

Under-body: Woolly Nylon (White)

Abdomen: Micro Tubing (Red) (i.e. larva lace, v-rib or the like)

Thorax: Two Strands of Ostrich Herl (Black) reinforced in a thread dubbing loop

Hackle: Hungarian Partridge (Natural w/ prominent brown markings toward tip) *

Cement: SHHAN or Solarez UV Resin

Tying Sequence:

1. Put down a base wrap of thread stopping just above the point of hook.
2. Attach the woolly nylon or substitute white floss then attach the Micro Tubing (larva lace, v-rib or the like). Advance thread to two eye widths behind the hook eye. Wrap nylon (or floss) forward to standing thread creating a tapered body as you go. Over-wrap body with tubing, tying off tubing and body thread with black thread Cut off excess tubing and white thread.
3. Create a dubbing loop with black thread and insert the two strands of ostrich herl. Spin dubbing loop to reinforce herl collar. Wrap dubbed ostrich as a collar (about 2 or 3 turns should do if the loop is full. If it is sparse, use as many wraps as you need to get desired effect).
4. Tie in a hackle feather and wrap in a sparse collar, again about 2 or 3 turns. Tie off, cut and discard the remaining hackle.
5. Create a nice head, tie off and cut thread. Cement with SHHAN or UV Resin

*NOTE: You may substitute Natural (black with white spots) guinea fowl for the partridge. You may also substitute green or purple Micro Tubing to create "The Green Meanie" or "The Purple Peril" !!!