



**Fly Pattern Sheet:**  
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## **BTS (Better Than Spawn):**

### **Materials:**

These are the instruction for the Better Than Spawn Fly (BTS). It is an articulated fly that involves the use of two hooks, a size 10 4xl streamer hook with a straight (flat) eye for the rear hook, and a size 6 egg hook for the front hook. Ideally these would both be chemically sharpened hooks. Other materials used would be White (best) or yellow thread, white grizzly marabou feathers, a tuft of Australian possum fur, pearl crystal flash, black craft eyes, 20 lb mono, and pink ice dubbing.

### **Tying Instructions:**

#### **Step 1:**

Tie in a grizzly marabou feather by the tip on the size 10 streamer hook.

#### **Step 2:**

Wind the remainder of the grizzly marabou feather forward and finish the first hook.

#### **Step 3:**

Tie in a pair of black mono or craft eyes on the front of the egg hook and lash a piece of 20 pound mono to one side of the hook. It is not a bad idea to crimp the mono or to glue it with zap a gap to make sure that it is very secure.

**Step 4:** Thread the rear hook onto the mono and lash it to the other side of the hook. Again, it is a good idea to crimp the mono or to glue it to make sure that it is secure.

**Step 5:** Tie in a clump of Australian possum fur to cover up the joint between the two hooks.

**Step 6:** Tie in some pearl crystal flash laying back over the Australian possum

**Step 7:** Dub a thorax of pink ice dubbing on the front hook between the Australian possum and the eyes.

**Step 8:** Pull the crystal flash forward over the eye of the hook and tie down.

**Step 9:** Bring the thread back behind the eyes.

Step 10: Pull half of the crystal flash to one side of the eyes and lash down.

Step 11: Pull the other half of the crystal flash to the other side of the eyes and lash down. They should now look like fins on the side of the fly.

Step 12: Bring the thread back in front of the eyes, finish the fly.