



Fly Pattern Sheet:
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The Shrew, A sculpin pattern for steelhead and large trout:

Materials Needed:

Hook: Trailing hook, typically a drop shot hook such as an Owner Mosquito. Most common sizes are size 4-size 1.

Eyes: Shiny Gold or pale yellow plastic bead chain

Tail: Olive, black, or brown pine squirrel

Body: 2 hen hackles, 2 olive or tan grizzly marabou feathers

Head: Pine squirrel wound up the shank behind the eyes. In front of the eyes, some tan or peacock ice dubbing can be pinched in. A great material for this is Hares Wiggle Dub on this fly.

Pectoral fins: 2 small strips of pine squirrel

Flash: Cranberry Holographic Flashabou

Rubber Legs: Black and red spinnerbait skirt fibers (optional)

Other Materials: 40 pound power pro or other braided fishing line

Steps for tying this fly:

1. Put a shank in the hook between 40 and 55mm in length.
2. Cut a piece of power pro approximately 6 inches in length. Fold the power pro over and tie an overhand knot with the two ends.
3. Cover the shank with thread. Lay the power pro over the hook and thread the knot through the eye. Cover the power pro with thread and use the overhand knot as a stopper.
4. Tie in a piece of pine squirrel for a tail. It should only reach the end of the loop of power pro.
5. On top of the tail, tie in a cream, yellow, or brown hen hackle. Wind the thread a little ways up the shank. At this point, tie in a grizzly marabou feather above the hen hackle. Move the thread forward a little bit and tie in another hen hackle. Repeat the process one more time with a grizzly marabou feather. This creates a sculpin shaped head with less bulk than other methods.
6. Tie in a small pine squirrel piece on either side as pectoral fins. As an option, you can add rubber legs to each side in this step
7. Cover the fly with 5 or 6 strands of cranberry holographic flashabou.
8. Tie in a piece of pine squirrel and cover much of the remaining shank
9. Tie in the plastic eyes with a little bit of space left at the head (these could also be tied in at the beginning part of the tying process if you prefer)
10. At the front of the fly, add a pinch of the dubbing of the color of your choice. Hare's wiggle dub works well at this point.
11. Finish the fly
12. Before fishing, add the Owner Mosquito hook or other suitable hook

Comments: This is a great pattern that can be swung in a traditional method or bounce and swung along the bottom. Typically I tie this in an olive color in the winter, a black color in the spring, and mottle tan at any other time of the year. The layered feathers will give the fly quite a bit of action in the water. The hook should end up where the tail ends and the hook itself functions as a tail.