



Fly Pattern Sheet:
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Here is the recipe for the Toadbreaker:

Shank: A long up eye shank, typically 50mm or more

Loop: Braid or wire of your choice. Since I am typically tying this fly in large sizes, the trailing hooks are a little larger. Thus I lean toward heavy 80lb. braid on my own flies.

Eyes: Bead Chain, tied 1/3 of the way down from the eyes

Tail: Olive, tan, or brown rabbit or pine squirrel strip

Hackle: Large brown or olive schlappen feather

Body: Natural emu feather

Flash: I use Chartreuse Fire Tye, and gold Fire Tye. In addition, I often add some UV blue ripple fiber or UV gray crystal flash

Head: Brown, Olive, or Yellow Kraken Dubbing. This is a great material for tying any pattern that you want to make large and buggy.

Front Hackle: Brown barred Olive Marabou

Here are some tying instructions for the Toadbreaker sculpin:

1. Cover the Shank with Thread.
2. Move the thread 1/3 the way back from the eye
3. Tie in a pair of bead chain eyes or lead eyes under the hook.
4. Tie in your loop. If you are using braid, it is recommended that you tie an overhand knot in it toward the tag end. This will keep the fly from self destructing if you get a violent strike. Make sure that you cover the whole shank with thread in the process. It is a good idea to add a drop of zap a gap or other quick drying glue at this point.
5. Tie in a tail of 1-2" of rabbit strip at the very back of the shank.
6. Tie in a schlappen feather by the tip at the same point as the rabbit strip.
7. Tie in a natural emu feather by the tip at the same point as the rabbit strip.
8. Wind the emu feather forward to the eyes in a tight spiral.
9. Now wind the Schlappen feather through the emu, leaving spaces in the spiral as you wind it forward.
10. Just in front of the eyes, tie in a few strands of yellow and a few strands of chartreuse flash.
11. Move the thread a little bit in front of the eyes, and tie in a clump of Kraken dubbing, forming a bulky and unruly head.
12. Take a marabou feather, and strip one half of the feather. Take the marabou fibers that were just stripped, and move your fingers to the middle point of the fibers. Tie these in just in front of the clump of dubbing. This will form a small veil over the head of the fly.
13. Finish the fly.

Comment: This is one of my favorite flies that is frequently in the box for steelhead, trout, and even smallmouth bass. Swing it with the strip separate from the hook. If you want to strip it, pierce the strip with the hook.