Salmo Taddy-Black

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Material used:

- Hook: #8 Hanak BL400 Jig
- Thread: 6/0 black
- Eyes: S/M bead chain
- Tail: Pine squirrel black zonkered
- Tail wrap stopper: Stiff small cock hackle
- Tail: White fluoro fibre
- Base: Green wool
- Body: Black Rabbit dubbing
- Body wrap: Ultra wire, small, gold

- Stomach: White Antron

The reasons for the use of the Hanak jig hook

- Long and barbless
- Strong
- Swims upside down with bead chain eyes and therefore hooks less weed and rock!

Instructions

1. Start by building a base for the eyes but ensure that you only cover the first 10% of the hook.

2. Tie in the eyes onto the bend of the jig. Use head cement to ensure they are secure. Once completed whip finish it off and cut the thread.

3. Cut off a length of squirrel approximately double the length of the shank, ensuring you only cut the skin and not the fur.
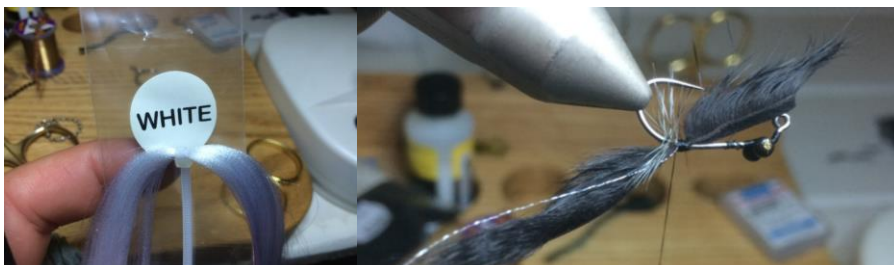

4. With the fur pointing backward pierce it- skin first. Ensure you pierce it in the centre to avoid it tearing. Pull the strip forward to move it out the way. Wetting it helps split it and makes it easier to work with.

5. Attach the thread to the back end of the shank and tie in the half hackle. This "helps" prevent tail wrap. Bring the zonker strip backward and tie it in.

6. Then tie in the fluoro fibre on either side of the tail

7. Tie in the ultra-wire.

8. Tie in the wool and build up a body.

9. Dub the body and wrap it up with the ultra-wire.

10. Flip the fly over for the next step…

11. Form a loop of antron which will be tied between the dubbing and the zonker strip.

12. Tie in just behind the eyes and apply head cement.

13. Using hackle pliers grab hold of the zonker strip and pull it firmly over the Antron loop and tie in behind the eyes.

14. Cut off the tag under the eyes and prepare to dub over the exposed cotton to finish off the head.

And there we have it; the completed Salmo Taddy in swimming position.

Oh, it has worked on some pretty serious trout…. This is one of them weighing in at 13.6lbs