

Craig's Scud

This is an excellent and easy to tie scud pattern developed by Craig Stephens of T. Hargrove Fly Fishing, Inc.

Materials:

Hook: Scud Hook Size 12-18
Thread: Black 6/0
Weight: (Optional) Brass or Tungsten Bead and/or lead wire
Body; Metz AZ SYN Peacock Bronze dubbing



Tying Instructions:

1. Mount the hook in the vise (Put on the bead or lead wire, if used) and lay a base of thread from just behind the eye to slightly down the bend.
2. Form a dubbing loop at the bend. (Lightly wax the thread before forming the loop)
3. Insert a generous amount of dubbing in the loop and twist to form a dubbing brush.
4. Wind the dubbing brush forward towards the eye stroking the fibers towards the bend after each wrap.
5. Tie off the dubbing brush just behind the eye. Clip the excess and form a small thread head. Whip-finish and cement the head. Clip the thread.
6. Remove the fly from the vise and grab it near the barb with a pair of forceps. With your fingers, pull the dubbing fibers down each side of the hook. Singe the top of the fly with a cigarette lighter.
7. Place the fly back in the vise and use a bodkin to pull out legs, if necessary.

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