

# Safety Leech

This is without a doubt Tommy's favorite and go to fly. He has two boxes in his fly bag. One is a box of safety leeches and the other is a box of cigars. Put a box in your fly vest (Safety Leeches not cigars.)



## Materials:

Hook: 3XL Size 8-12

Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 Rusty Brown

Weight: Fluorescent Orange bead and lead wire

Body: Canadian Mohair – brown

Tails: Rusty-Brown Marabou

## Tying Instructions:

- Mount the hook and wind the lead wire around the hook. The lead wire should leave one and one-half eye length behind the eye and end should end on the shank above the point.
- Select an appropriate color of maribou and tie it on the end of the hook shank behind the lead wire. Pinch the maribou to the length of the shank.
- Bring the thread forward to behind the eye. Tie on a length of mahair ending at the rear of the hook.
- Wind the thread forward.
- Wrap the mohair forward to behind the eye sweeping back the loose fibers as you wrap.
- Tie off and trim the mohair.
- Form a head, tie off and cement.
- With the blade of your scissors (blunt side) pull out mohair fibers to give the leech a fuzzy look.

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