



Fly Pattern Sheet:
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Cow Killer Sculpin:

Materials Needed:

Hook: Size 1 or larger Daiichi 2461, or other 3XL hook

Tail: Barred Red/White, orange, or hot red rabbit strip

Tag: Red Ice Dub

Body: Hare's Ice Dub Harder's Bloody Black

Hackle: Black Marabou wound through the body

Legs: Lightning bolt shaped fibers from a red Northland Limber Legs spinnerbait skirt

Wing: A couple of strands of cranberry flashabou topped with a heavy amount of plain black flashabou, tied above and below the hook, obscuring the body of the fly.

Head: Claret or Dark Brown dyed Australian Possum fur

Steps for tying this fly:

1. Cover the hook with thread and return thread to the front of the hook.
2. Tie in the rabbit strip at the bend to be used as a tail.
3. Just above the base of the rabbit strip, add a clump of red UV Ice Dub as a tag
4. Tie in the black marabou, by the tip, at the tail.
5. Dub a body 2/3 the way up the hook.
6. Run the marabou through the body, as a hackle
7. Add a couple of strands of cranberry flash, and put plain black flashabou above and below the tail
8. Tie in the Australian possum as a thick head at the front of the hook
9. Finish the fly.

Comments: On the years when the steelhead run a large average size, sculpins are a great style of fly to use. This is one of a stable of a few good sculpin patterns to have in your box. The Limber Legs used have on occasion made the difference between catching fish and not with this and other patterns. This is especially true in very slow water.