



**Fly Pattern Sheet:**  
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## **Croton Crawler:**

### **Materials:**

**Hook:** Size 2-4, Daiichi 2340 or other 3x or 4x long streamer hook.

**Tail:** Large olive and brown pheasant rump feather or mottled Coq de Leon feather curving downward

**Hackle :** Burnt brown schlappen feather or large Coq de Leon saddle feather

**Body:** 1/2 the body bright yellow ice dub, other 1/2 is cinnamon ice dub

**Shellback, Legs:** Brown Holographic Flashabou

**Eyes:** Black Plastic Eyes

### **Tying Instructions:**

- 1. Tie in an olive pheasant rump feather for a tail, slanting down. Ideally it will be a large feather with some brown on it.
- 2. Tie in some brown flashabou over the tail. Use several long strands and fold the remnant of the material back as it will be used throughout the fly.
- 3. Tie in a brown Coq de Leon feather by the tip or a rusty brown schlappen feather.
- 4. Dub a body of ice dub. The rear half of the body should be yellow, the front half cinnamon. If the water is really dirty, then using crystal chenille in place of the dubbing was very effective.
- 5. Bring the long flashabou strands forward as a shellback. Tie it down behind the eyes, leave the remnant of flash hanging forward over the eyes.
- 6. Wind the hackle through the body and tie it down behind the eyes.
- 7. Fold the final remnant of the brown flashabou over the body and cut it so that it is about half the length of the hook.

**Comments:** This is just a good high water pattern that catches fish in poor water conditions when nothing else seemed to work. The design is simple and it is a pattern that works well in the Muskegon. I designed it as a fry pattern and tied is small but ran out of small hooks. It catches more fish tied large and saved the day on several high and muddy water float trips. It could imitate many things but I suspect it is eaten as a crayfish pattern.