

## **Printable Tying Instructions for the Grapefruit Head Leech:**

### **Materials:**

**Hook:** Daiichi 2461 or equivalent 3xl streamer hook size 4-2/0

**Tail:** Black Marabou with sparse red flash

**Hackle:** Black or Purple Schlappen

**Body:** Black Marabou Feather

**Collar:** Large Mallard Flank

**Flash:** Combination of Green, Silver, and Blue Flashabou

**Head:** Fuchsia large cactus chenille followed by a veil of chartreuse ice dub

### **Tying Instructions:**

**Step 1:** Cover the hook with thread using tight wraps and bring the thread to the back of the hook.

**Step 2:** Tie in a tail of black marabou, add a few strands of red flash over the top.

**Step 3:** Tie in the schlappen feather by its tip.

**Step 4:** Tie in a black marabou feather by its tip and wind it forward to about a 2/3 the way up the hook shank

**Step 5:** Wind the schlappen feather through the marabou, being careful to bind down only a minimum of fibers.

**Step 6:** Add a collar of mallard flank or blue eared pheasant in front of the body.

**Step 7:** Add flash to the top of the fly in layers. First add some silver flashabou, then blue, and then Kelly green.

**Step 8:** Tie a piece of cactus chenille and wind it forward for a couple of turns, leaving a little bit of room behind the eyes.

**Step 9:** Force a clump of chartreuse ice dubbing behind the eyes and bind it with your thread so that it forms a circular veil over the cactus chenille.

**Step 10:** Finish the fly.