

Austalian Possum Hex:

Materials:

This articulated fly that involves the use of two hooks, a size 10 4xl streamer hook with a straight (flat) eye for the rear hook, and a size 6 egg hook for the front hook. Ideally these would both be chemically sharpened hooks. Other materials used would be yellow thread, Australian Possum fur off a skin, dirty yellow sparkle dubbing of one type or another, brown antron yarn, webby brown hen hackles, black craft or mono eyes, and 20 lb mono to join the two hooks.

Tying Instructions:

Step 1:

Tie in a tuft of Australian possum fur on the rear of the size ten hook (it will act as a tail).

Step 2:

Dub a little bit of dirty yellow fur to the middle of the hook.

Step 3:

Tie in another clump of Australian possum fur, then dub some more dirty yellow dubbing up toward the front of the hook.

Step 4: Tie in another clump of Australian possum and finish the hook.

Step 5:

Start on the egg hook. Cover the hook with thread, bring the thread to the front of the hook and lash in a pair of black mono or craft eyes on the top of the hook.

Step 6: Tie in a piece of 20lb mono (green Maxima is very good) on one side of the hook. The mono must be very secure; it is not a bad idea to put a crimp in the mono beforehand to give the thread a place to bit or to put a small drop of instant glue on it.

Step 7: Thread the rear hook onto the mono and lash it down on the other side of the hook. Again, crimping the mono or gluing it is a good idea. Tie in a clump of Australian possum to cover up the juncture between the two hooks.

Step 8: Tie in a piece of brown antron yarn so that it lays flat over the rear hook. Tie in a

brown hen feather by the tip over the antron yarn.

Step 9: Dub some dirty yellow dubbing between the rear of the hook and the eyes and

bring thread in front of the eyes.

Step 10: Pull hen feather over the eyes, lash down, and cut off excess. It becomes the legs of the fly.

Step 11: Pull antron yarn over the feather and tie it down. It becomes the shellback of the fly. (Step 12: Finish the fly.)