

## **Printable Tying Instructions for the Thunder Chicken:**

### **Materials:**

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

**Tail:** Two cree or blue barred hackle feathers topped with pearl lateral scale.

**Hackle:** A large Mallard flank feather, palmered through the body.

**Body:** Black peacock or peacock ice dub

**Flash:** Pink, fuchsia, and silver holographic flashabou surrounded by blue flashabou.

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

**Eyes:** Two dumbbell eyes.

### **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 two splayed cree saddle feathers, add a few strands of later scale flash over the top or pearl saltwater flashabou.

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

**Step 4:** Dub a body of peacock or black peacock ice dub that goes 2/3 up the hook.

**Step 5:** Palmer the mallard flank until you reach the end of the body and tie off.

**Step 6:** Add flash to the top of the fly in layers. First add some silver, pink and fuschia holographic flashabou both above and below the body. Add a final layer of blue.

**Step 7:** Tie in lead dumbbell eyes just behind the eye of the hook.

**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 just behind the eye of the hook and bind it with your thread so that it forms a circular veil over the dumbbell eyes and the cactus chenille.

**Step 10:** Finish the fly.