



Full Motion Crayfish

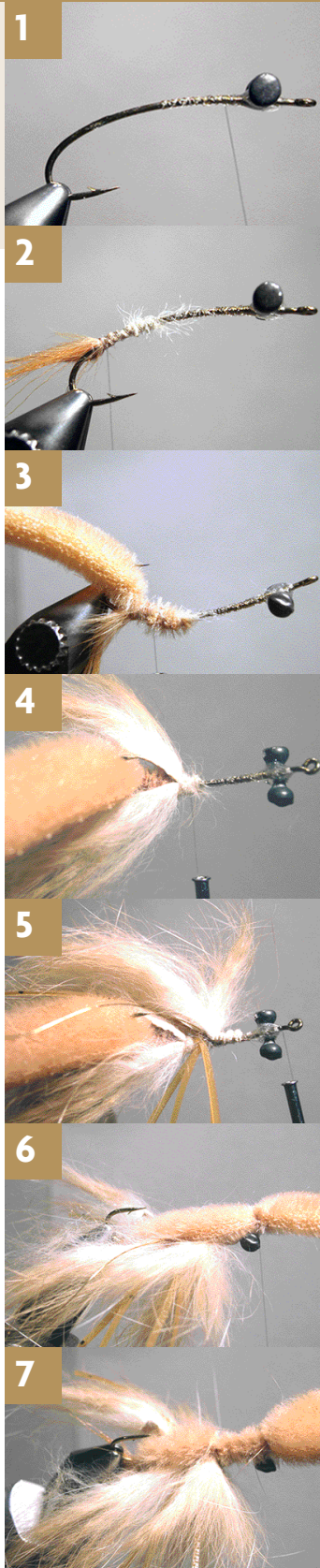
- Hook:** TMC 200R #4 - #8
Thread: Clear Monofilament
Antennae: Antron (orange) & Rabbit Fur (tan)
Shell: Furry Foam (tan)
Claws: Zonker Strip (tan)
Legs: Living Rubber (pumpkinseed)
Rib: Tying Thread or Fine Gold Wire
Body: Zonker Strip (tan)

Tying Instructions

1. Place the hook in the vise, attach thread and tie in hour glass eyes with several figure 8 wraps of thread.
2. Tie in the antennae materials around the bend of the hook.
3. Turn the hook over in the vise and tie in a strip of furry foam. on hat is now the "top" of the hook shank. Make sure you tie in a good amount of the furry foam to create the fore body of the crayfish.
4. Cut two 1/2" pieces of zonker strip and tie them in on either side of the furry foam. The furry foam will help separate the "claws".
5. Tie in some rubber leg material using figure 8 wraps of thread and then attach a piece of zonker strip just behind the claws and rubber legs. Also tie in a piece of gold wire at this time.
6. Wrap the zonker strip around the hook shank to a point just in front of the hourglass eyes. Tie off and trim the zonker strip and then pull the furry foam over the top of the fly and secure it with a wrap or two of thread.
7. Rib the abdomen with the gold wire and tie off. Whip finish the thread, trim and then trim the furry foam to leave a short triangle shaped tail.



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A solid thread base and a drop of Super Glue helps keep the eyes in place. This fly will ride hook point up, a real bonus for a bot tom crawling crayfish imitation.

The orange antron is very visible and helps fish see the fly. The rabbit fur makes for more motion up front.

The furry foam makes a realistic shell back of ra crayfish. It can be tied in a variety of colors to match local crayfish. Tan, beige, rust, olive and brown are favorite colors.

Rabbit fur makes for great claws as they have both profile and action.

The rubber legs add more motion and realism to the fly. The rabbit body also makes for a fly with motion and a realistic shape.

Pulling the rabbit fur forward before ribbing the fly will make for a neater fly. Don't worry about trapping fibers under the abdomen. this area is supposed to be thin in profile.

The finished fly sinks well with the hook point up out of the rocks and with a realistic action. Couple this with its realistic profile and this crayfish pattern will help you catch more fish.