

Fly Pattern Sheet - Franken Sculpin

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Stinger Hook: Owner #4 (or similar)
Connection: 3/32" rigid tube; soft junction tube; 20lb Fireline (or similar)
Body Hook: Long shanked streamer; cut the hook off when finished
Thread: 210 Denier, black
Weight: Barbell eyes
Tail: Rabbit strip, barred olive
Body: Flat Diamond Braid, pearl
Collar: Spun Deer hair, red
Sides: Polarflash, Mirage Opal*
Hackle: Marabou, Jailhouse Black/Olive



Notes: This pattern came from the creative minds of Keith Graham, past owner of a fly shop in Anchorage, and Danny Zivanich, an avid steelheader.

The Franken Sculpin can be tied with a variety of different materials, in different color schemes. I tie a version in egg and flesh tones for early spring and late fall fishing.

Think of this pattern as a tying style, not a specific fly pattern, and you'll start to come up with some crazy good flies based on this one recipe.

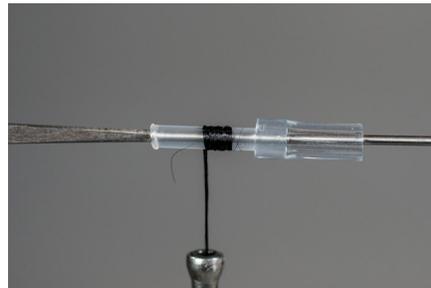
The tube connection at the back allows you to change the stinger hook when it becomes dinged without wasting the entire fly.

Undoubtedly the Franken Sculpin is at it's best being swung from a two handed rod; but I like to use it with a 200 grain sink-tip and a classic wet fly swing. Either way it's a great pattern for slinking through deep holes and runs.

I have converted this pattern to a tube tie which is described on separate pattern sheet on our site.



Melt a lip on the 3/32" rigid tubing. (Use the blue part of the flame and keep the tube a bit away.) Using a razor blade, cut the tube to length. (1cm - almost 1/2") Attach a piece of junction tubing to the cut end of the tube



Slide both tubes onto a mandrel, with the junction tube to the right; lipped tube to the left. Attach your thread to the center of the rigid tube.



Part the hair on a rabbit strip where you want to tie in the leather. Attach with three or four tight wraps and whip finish on the tube, under the leather. Cut your thread.



Place a drop of Zap-a-Gap on the thread wraps. Cut the rabbit strip to the length you would like the tail.



Double over 6 - 7 inches of Fireline and thread it through the (stinger) hook eye. Bring the hook through the loop and tighten. (Notice the Fireline wraps around the bottom of the hook shank.)



Thread the Fireline through the tubes and snug the hook into the junction tube. (To help protect against snags, position the hook point up into the tail leather.)



Wrap a thread base along the shank of the body hook.
(I'll be cutting off part of the shank instead of right at the bend. Hence my thread does not cover the entire shank length.)



Tie in the rabbit strip on top of the hook shank with a few very firm wraps.



Lash the Fireline along both sides, then fold over and secure by wrapping back on them. Cut away any excess Fireline.



Bring your thread forward and tie in the barbell eyes on the bottom of the hook shank.
(You can save this step for last, but I find that attaching the eyes now helps me keep the body length in check.)



Tie in your body material and wrap.
(If you're using any sort of braid material, you'll want to give it a coat of sealer like nail polish, or head cement.)



Cut, stack, and spin a deer hair collar just shorter than the body. Trim the butts as short as possible and collar the hair back to about 45° with soft wraps.



Tie four strand of flash along the sides of the fly.
(I keep mine just a bit short of the tail.)



Select a quality marabou feather. It should be dense with fairly long fibers, and have a thin stem for as much of its length as possible. Clean the fluff from the base.



Tie the marabou feather, by its tip, behind the eyes.
(I do not cut the tip until I'm finished wrapping the feather. It very fragile and the extra fibers support the stem.)



Wrap the marabou for a full collar. Tie off, trim the excess stem and tip. Half hitch, whip finish, and trim your thread. Seal the thread around the eyes with cement.

