

# Fly Pattern Sheet - Slump Buster

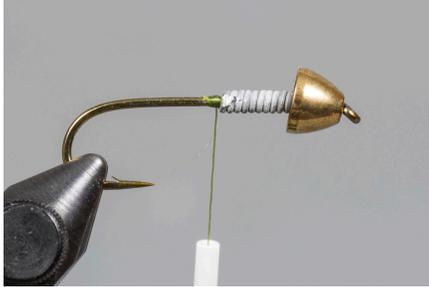
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Hook: 3XL Nymph/Streamer #4 - 12  
Thread: 70 Denier  
Weight: Cone at head,  
with lead wraps behind the cone  
Body: Sparkle Braid, or silimar  
Rib: Ultra-Wire, or similar  
Tail: Pine Squirrel strip, extension from wing  
Wing: Pine Squirrel strip, Matuka style\*  
Collar: Pine Squirrel strip, wrapped.



Notes: This fly was created by John Barr, (the same tyer that came up with the Copper John, a nymph of amazing reputation) and is one of those easy to tie, fish catching pattern. It uses only a couple of materials and most of the tying techniques are simple.

\*Matuka syle wings are ones that are bound down along the top of the body. The original Matuka flies used feathers.



Put on the cone and add lead wraps behind it. Attach your thread just behind the lead wraps. We are using a #6 3XL hook, a large (1/4") cone, and .025 wire.  
This fly will get to the bottom fast!



Tie in and bind down the ribbing wire. Wrap your thread back and forth binding down the lead wraps. Leave your thread behind the cone.



Tie in the braid behind the cone. (There are a couple different braids in a choice of colors; this one is holographic gold.)



Wrap the braid to the rear, and then forward again; creating a tapered body. Tie off as close to the cone as possible and clip the excess material.



Tie in the squirrel strip as tight to the cone as possible. Measure the strip so that a half shank length of hide will be the tail. (Notice that the hair is coming off the hide to the rear of the strip.)



Bring your wire rib forward in open spirals. You'll need to part the hair where the rib goes through it. Make sure you allow for torque and keep the strip on top of the shank. Lift the strip and put a couple wraps of wire in front before tying off.



Cut the wire; then twist the squirrel hide so that it will lay hide down when you wrap. Wrap two full turns of squirrel strip behind the cone. Tie off with three or four firm wraps.



Put Zap-a-Gap (superglue) onto about an inch of your thread, just off the cone. Wrap the glued thread behind the cone until you're back to plain thread. Add three half-hitches and cut your thread.



For Alaska, I would tie this fly up to a size 2, but have switched to rabbit strips as opposed to the pine squirrel for that big of hook and cone. The longer shank has also been converted to a #4 stinger hook. See the Dolly Llama Fly Pattern Sheet for that technique.

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