



Articulated Crystal Bugger

This is an easy effective pattern, articulate it and the action is multiplied tenfold. The tail material can be your choice as well as the color of the crystal chenille.

MATERIAL:

Thread-	Your choice, I use fire-orange 3/0 flat waxed nylon
Hook-	Mustad #3366, size 6 to 1/0
Tail-	Marabou, deer hair, Icelandic Wool, rabbit strip, etc.
Hook Collar-	Crystal chenille, your choice
Connector Shank-	Crystal chenille, your choice
Eye-	Plastic chain bead
Collar-	Crystal chenille, your choice

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

HOOK:

1. Insert hook in the vise and attach the thread in the middle of the hook shank.
2. Tie in your choice of tail material, you can add tinsel also and advance the thread to about a 1/8" behind the hook eye.
3. Cut a 4" piece of crystal chenille and tie at this point and wrap back over a portion of the tail material and wind back and tie off.

CONNECTOR:

1. Place connector in the vise, attach the thread in the middle of the shank and close down the rear connector.
2. Advance the thread forward and close down the front loop.
3. Wind back 1/8" to 1/4" back of the hook eye and attach the plastic eye.
4. Cut a 6" piece of crystal chenille and wind back to the rear loop and forward, make two passes over the plastic eye and tie off, cut the chenille behind the hook eye and whip finish the head.



This is a simple fly to tie. You can see the wide variety of materials you can use for the tail—marabou, rabbit strip, and Icelandic wool. You choose the tail material and it can be the same with the color of the crystal chenille or a different color if you want. Joe uses plastic chain beads for the eyes (not weighted barbell eyes) that can be bought at any Michael's craft store.