

Purple Peril

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Hook - AJ Spey or AJ Steelhead Iron

Thread - Black

Rib - Silver Oval or Round

Body - Purple Iridescent Dubbing or Purple Wool

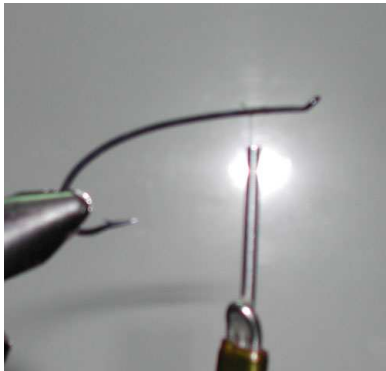
Hackle - Purple

Wing - Red Fox Squirrel

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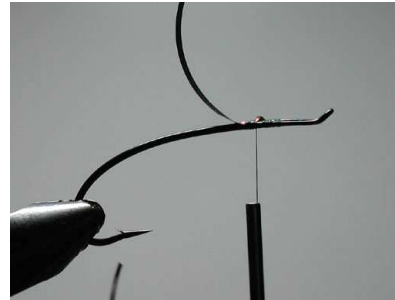
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Tying the Purple Peril

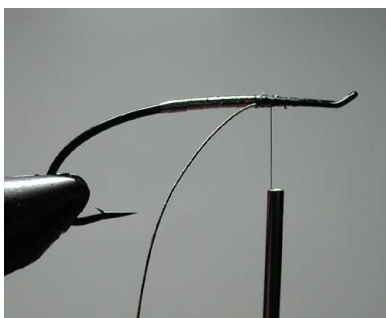


Start by attaching the thread to the front of the hook and use the thread to bind the hook return closed. Leave the thread at the back end of the return eye.

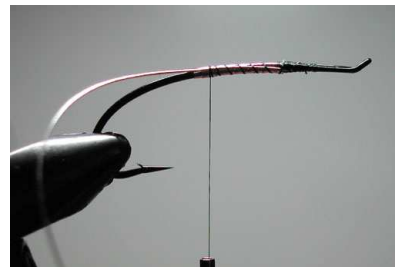
Next we tie in the flat tinsel. If we are applying a colored body to a black hook then we must add tinsel under the body or when wet the body will turn black from the hook color. Hold the tinsel at 45 degrees and attach just behind the return eye.



Wrap the flat tinsel back to the hook point in smooth turns that abut but do not overlap. When you get to the hook point wrap back to the front keeping things smooth and neat. Secure and trim off just behind the return eye.



Hold the oval tinsel at 45 degrees and tie in just where the return eye ends. Pull it to the rear and bind down with thread wraps leaving about 1/8" of flat tinsel exposed. Leave the thread here to prepare the dubbing loop.



To make a dubbing loop put your finger in the thread and secure the end back to the hook leaving about 3 inches between the hook and your finger. Wind the thread forward to the front of the hook. Add a sparse amount of dubbing into the loop. Keep it sparse and even, it may be a bit heavier as you go down the loop to create a tapered body.



With the dubbing hook spin the loop to make chenille like body material. Wrap the dubbing forward in the OPPOSITE direction you

are wrapping the thread. This will keep the tinsel from digging down into the body.



Next carefully wrap the tinsel through the body in 3 evenly spaced turns and secure. You cannot see how in the picture but practice makes perfect.



Prepare the hackle by holding the tip and stroking the fibers perpendicular to the stem. While holding the stem toward you strip away the fiber which are on the right side of the stem and discard. Hold the hackle at 45 degrees and tie in. Put 2-3 wraps of hackle, less is better, secure and trim.





Trim a little from the Squirrel Tail. You can even the tips in a hair stacker if you like. I pull the tips perpendicular to the tail center before trimming and that evens them up pretty nice and gives a more natural look. Again do not use too much wing. Look at the sample fly to get an idea. Hold the hair on top of the hook and adjust the position to get the wing

length correct. The wing should go slightly beyond the point of the hook. Secure with a couple of wraps. The wings **MUST** be wrapped on top of thread wraps and **NOT** in the gap between the return eye or it will pull out.

Hold both ends of the wing and pull slightly from each end to make sure the wing is perfectly on top of the hook. Secure again with several wraps.

Trim the wing butts and add a couple of wraps for a small head.

Tie all 10 in your kit and you will have flies which look like this

