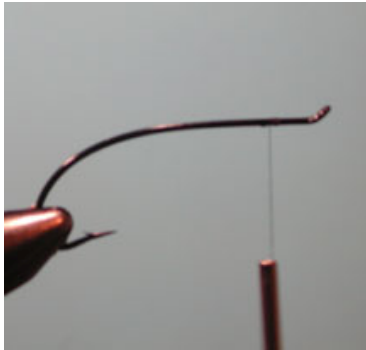


# Tying the Green Butt Skunk



Start by attaching the thread to the front of the hook and use the thread to bind the hook return closed.

Using the thread attach the flat tinsel to the hook, right behind the loop return. We tie things in at this point to even up the transition from the hook shank to the front of the hook. Wind



the tinsel back in abutting turns to the hook point and then back forward to the middle of the hook. Be sure to keep lots of tension on the tinsel and keep it flat and smooth.

Advance the thread and tie in the silk floss just behind the loop return. While holding tension on the silk to keep it flat and on top of the hook shank wrap the tying thread back over the silk floss until only a bit of the gold tinsel is left exposed as a tag. Then wrap the thread back to the middle of the hook. The wraps covering the floss are tight but can be far apart, we do not want to cover the gold Mylar with black thread.



Now wrap the silk floss forward three or four wraps being sure to keep it tight and smooth. Secure with tying thread.





Tie in the gold ribbing. Keep everything smooth.

Create a dubbing loop and load it with a small amount of the black dubbing, a little goes a long way. Wrap the dubbing in the opposite direction of the tying thread to keep the ribbing from digging in when we wrap it. Make sure the first turn of two of dubbing covers the front part of the silk floss. In the end the silk butt should only be about 25% of the body. With practice you can load the dubbing loop with more dubbing toward the bottom and create a nicely tapered look.



Wrap the ribbing forward in 4 nice turns. Work to keep them evenly spaced.



Stroke the fibers on the Guinea feather to make them loosen and stand horizontal. Attach the tip of the Guinea feather right in front of the body. Trim it tight so we do not crowd the head.

Wrap two turns of Guinea and stroke and work the feathers so the natural curve of the feather takes it over the body and back.





Trim some of the Kip tail for a wing, not too much. Hold the cut piece by the tips and stroke it to remove short hairs. Then hold it by the butts and do the same. Remove any remaining fibers which look funny. Measure the wing against the fly using your right hand and make sure the tip of the wing comes exactly to the hook point.

Switch hands and secure the wing in place with two tight turns. The wing must be secured to thread, not to metal between the return eye or it will pull out. Pull the wing tight on top of the hook. Do the same with the butts. Secure with two more tight turns.



Pull up on the butts and trim close. Wrap a few turns of black thread as a head, whip finish, and cement.

Once you tie all 10 in your kit you will be on your way!  
Why not go out and catch a Steelhead now?

