

Bob's Easy Eyed Scud

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Hook: Mustad C49S or Equiv. #12-#16

Thread: To match dubbing

Body: Scud or Ice Dubbing or Mix

Tail: Mallard Flank or Coq De Leon

Eyes: Mono Eyes Dark

In most streams the scud is usually the most abundant of the aquatic insects. They are found everywhere and present throughout the season which is why they are an important part of the trout's diet. Most people do not fish them enough, myself included.

There are a lot of scud patterns and they come in a variety of colors. In Wisconsin I like a gray colored scud and I mix my own dubbing for this pattern using gray scud dub mixed with gray squirrel, and Olive, Purple, and UV Dark Olive, Ice dubbing. I am not sure what makes this a good mix except that it fishes well in most waters. I like using small dark mono eyes for the scud because it is easy to see the dark eyes on most scuds. It also helps keep me from crowding the eye. I usually tie this in size 16's and 14's. Tie some up and put a few in your fly box and you will be happy you did.



Step 1 - Start the thread and wrap it back to the bend. Tie in a few strands of mallard flank or Coq De Leon as shown and clip off the excess.



Step 2 - Wrap 7 to 8 wraps of .30 lead or lead free wire and then make wraps of thread over the lead wire as shown.



Step 3 - Tie in some small dark mono eyes between the lead and the eye of the hook. I use 20 to 30 pound dark brown monofilament fishing line and melt the mono to form the eyes. I use a self closing tweezers and an alcohol burner to make my eyes and usually have plenty made up ahead of time.



Step 4 - Dub the body pretty heavily with the dubbing of your choice. I never seem to be satisfied and usually blend different kinds of dubbing in a coffee grinder to achieve what I want. I also like mixing Ice dubbing with scud dubbing as it picks out nicely. Once I find something that I and the fish like I write down the recipe and blend a larger amount.



Step 5 - Use a velcro brush or dubbing pick to pick out the dubbing raking downward from both sides.



Step 6 - Take your scissors and trim as shown leaving the dubbing extending a little below the hook point with a slight taper to the eye of the hook.



Step 7 - Apply several coats of gloss coat head cement to the top and part way down the sides of the scud. You can also use epoxy or Liquid Fusion instead if you like. I have been satisfied using multiple layers of gloss coat head cement. I also use a flat bladed pliers to squeeze and slightly flatten the body after the first coat of head cement dries.

There are a lot of good scud patterns out there, but this pattern is easy to tie and the fish approve.