

Crayfish

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Hook: Trout #8 streamer hook 1x, Bass #4 and #6 3x

Thread: Black 6/0 and Monocord (for final segmentation)—two bobbins

Weight: Lead free wire, wound around hook, leaving one eye length for head.

Superglue: Quikctite. Other superglues will absorb into the hairs.

Mouth: Brown hackle barbules (I use pheasant tail), tied **on weight in tail position**.

Pincers: Two bunches of pine squirrel tail, tied up and out at 45 degree angle, wrapping thread around each once, and adding a drop of Superglue.

Antennae: Stripped brown hackle quills.

Body: Dubbing to cover thread and wire in rear, then brown-maroon chenille.

Legs: Coachman brown hackle, 1 size longer than normal, palmered over rear half of body.

Swimmerets: Honey-tan hackle, 1-2 sizes shorter than normal, wound around front half of body & cut to 1/8".

Carapace and tail: Section of brown turkey or goose wing—prepared by wiping back with Pliobond, silicone, or Flexament—with end over mouth cut to a point, leaving a small tail over the hook eye, and wiped with head cement.

--Colors may be varied.

1. Wrap weight around rear of the hook, leaving 1 eye-length for head, Quikctite (superglue).
2. Tie in thread behind weight, taper and wrap to barb.
3. Tie in a small bunch of brown hackle [or pheasant tail] barbules in tail position for mouth.



4. Tie in a small bunch of pine squirrel on rear side of shank. After tying in, grasp it in an electric clip (you might be able to use your fingers). Holding it up and out at a 45⁰ angle, wrap thread completely around it. Still holding it in that position, add a small drop of superglue (Quicktite is the easiest to work with) at the base to keep it in place. Keep holding till Quicktite dries.



5. Repeat on near side of hook.
6. Dub to cover weight and threads

7. Tie on 2 stripped quills for antennae—they may be curved by drawing fingernail over top.



8. Tie in brown hackle and chenille.



9. Wrap chenille up the hook. leaving one hook eye length of bare hook.
10. Wrap hackle half way up chenille and tie off (this means wrapping the thread back in wide loops).
11. Tie in a tan hackle.



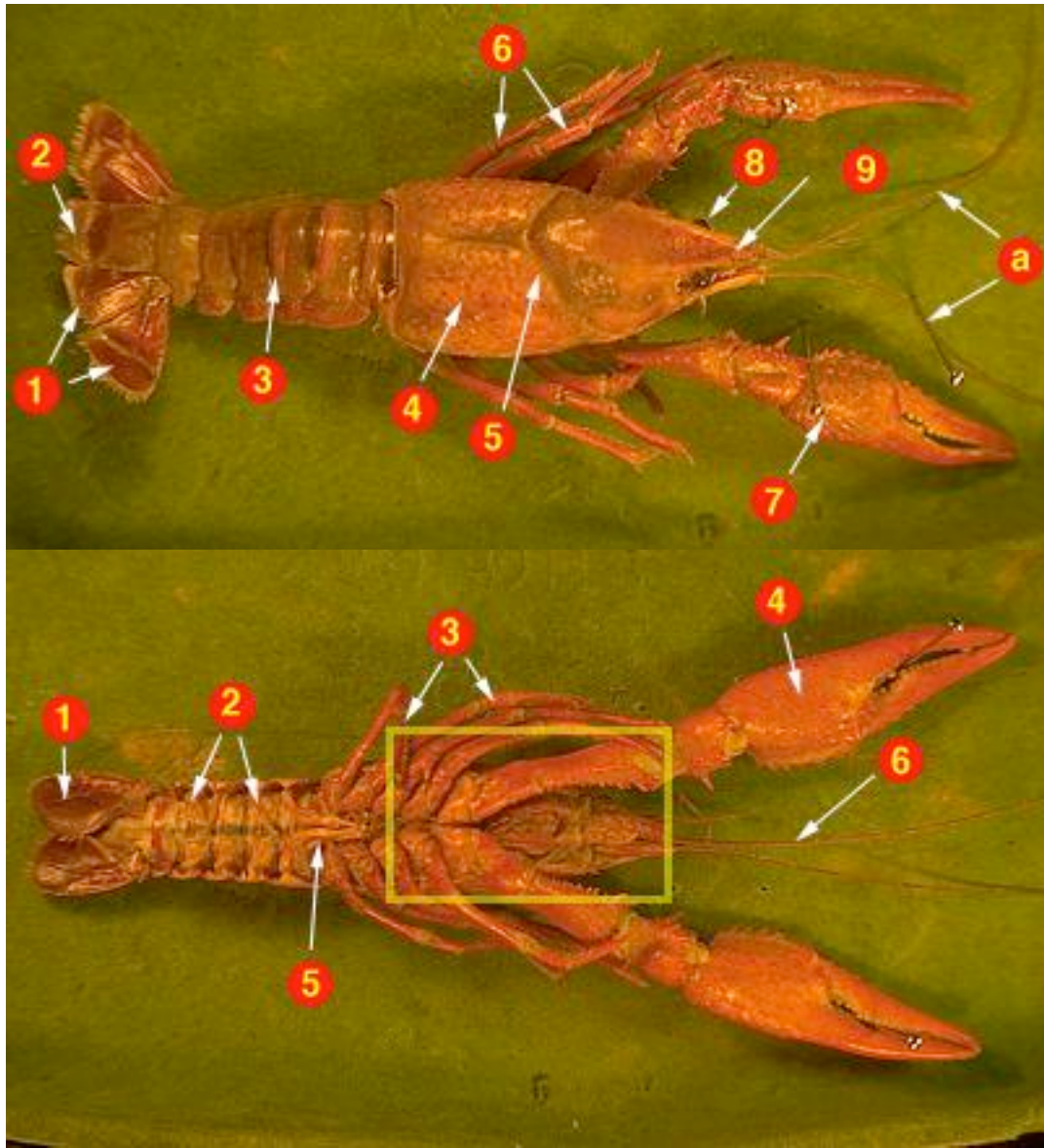
12. Wrap chenille the rest of the way—leaving space for head.
13. Wrap tan hackle. Clip to about 1/8th of an inch now or when fly is finished.



14. Tie off thread.
15. Tie on monocord behind chenille.
16. Cut one end of wing section to point. Tie in so point forms carapace over mouth, and wind thread up the shank to segment wing section, leaving a small tail.
17. Whip finish on hook shank under tail and lacquer carapace with 3 coats of head cement.



18. Test by in sink to make sure it swims right side up with claws high and tail low.



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