

FLY OF THE MONTH –*Blue Assassin*



Recently I have seen requests for the recipe to tie the Blue Assassin. This fly has been very productive as a dropper behind a large terrestrial. This fly is not only productive on our local rivers but Western streams as well. Tie up a few in sizes #14 - #18.

RECIPE:

Hook: Scud or Caddis hook sizes #14 - #18

Thread: 8/0 purple or black

Bead: Gold tungsten sized to hook or over by one bead size.

Tail: Dun Antron fibers tied short

Body: Single wrap large Holo Mylar tinsel

Rib: (optional) extra fine silver wire counter wrapped in open spirals

Thorax: Hot Purple SLF Prism dubbing

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Crush down hook barb and add bead.
2. Beginning behind the bead wrap hook shank with thread to slightly down the bend.
3. Brush out Antron yarn and tie-in tail. Keep sparse and trim short.
4. Cut a six inch piece of tinsel from the spool trimming the end at an angle for a smooth tie-in.
5. Tie-in the tinsel body material at the tail tie-in point with three or four tight wraps of thread and advance the thread wraps to behind the bead.
6. To begin wrapping the tinsel body raise the tinsel vertically. and it will fold over itself or create a pleat. Use your thumbnail to flatten the fold.
7. Wrap the tinsel forward in edge to edge wraps with no gaps to behind the bead forming a smooth tinsel body. Tie off and trim tinsel.
8. Dub the tying thread and wrap several turns right behind the bead creating a robust thorax or collar. Trim and whip finish.

To protect the tinsel body we suggest you coat the body with Sally Hansen Hard As Nails or a similar protective coating. You may also want to try this fly with thorax of FL Orange SLF Prism dubbing.

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