

FLY OF THE MONTH: Scud

Even though they can be fished year around, fall and winter are great time to fish a scud pattern. Scud patterns are easy to tie and may be tied in several colors as suggested in this recipe.

Recipe:

Hook: Tiemco #2487, Tiemco #2488 or similar size #16

Weight: Lead wire size .020

Thread: 8/0 to match the color of the body

Body: Scud dubbing in tan/pink, light sow bug, dark sow bug or rainbow

Shellback: Thin strip of clear baggie

Rib: Fine silver wire or clear mono thread



Tying Instructions:

1. Crush down the hook barb and cover the hook shank with tying thread extending from the hook eye to slightly down the bend.
2. Wrap on the lead wire in touching wraps.
3. At the bend, tie in a length of ribbing followed by the shellback.
4. Dub a fat body and wrap forward in touching wraps up to behind the hook eye.
5. Pull the shellback forward over the top of the body and tie down and trim.
6. Wrap the rib forward to open spiral wrap up to behind the hook eye segmenting the body. Trim, whip finish, and cement.
7. Using your bodkin, pick out a few fibers from the underside of the fly to imitate gills and legs.

Go fishing