

OSPREY FLY BOX

ELECTRIK LEECH

contributed by

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I was introduced to this fly over 20 years ago by a good friend and have been using this fly since for Bull Trout, Steelhead, Salmon and Coastal Cutthroat.

We were fishing on the Columbia River near Golden targeting Bull Trout and the Elektrik Leech was the largest fly that I had in my box. I tied it on and after the second cast I hooked into this beauty of a Bull Trout. It measured 37 inches and was the largest Bull Trout I have ever caught.



MATERIALS

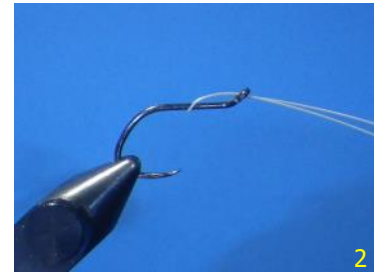


Hook Shank:	Mustad M-36890 Salmon #4
Stinger Hook:	Maruto MS4310SSC #4
Thread:	Uni 6/0 Black
Stinger Wire:	Senyo's Standard Intruder Wire
Body:	Uni 6/0 Black Thread
Under Wing:	White or Pearl Krystal Flash
Flash:	Purple Flashabou
Collar:	Long Spay Black Marabou
Lateral Lines:	Natural Grizzle Hackle Tips

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Start the thread on the hook shank at hook eye and cover the shank down to the bend then return the thread to the end of the hook eye return bend.



2. Take a 12" length of Intruder wire and wrap from below the stinger hook and bring the cut ends through the stinger hook eye.



3. Run the thread back down to the hook shank bend and measure from the hook shank eye to the bend of the stinger hook between 3" to 4". Place both pieces of the intruder wire on top of the hook shank and bind in place with several thread wraps. Check the length again and adjust as necessary.



4. Continue to bind the intruder wire side by side on top of the hook shank to the hook shank eye.

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5. Take both ends of the intruder wire through the hook shank eye and align them side by side on the bottom of the hook shank. Proceed to bind them to the hook shank down to the bend.
6. If you choose you can now slide the stinger hook off the intruder wire so you don't hook yourself while tying the rest of the fly. Return the thread to the end of the hook shank eye return. Take about 8 strands of Krystal flash and line them up with the bend in the intruder wire. Bind them to the hook shank at hook eye return bend with a few wraps of thread and then fold the Krystal flash over and bind down. Trim the longer Krystal flash the same length as the others.



7. Select 3 strands of purple Flashabou from the hank and bind down on the near side of the hook shank with the ends lining up with the Krystal flash. Fold the remaining Flashabou over to the far side of the hook shank and bind down. Cut the Flashabou on the far side inline with the Krystal flash.
8. Select a full Black Marabou plume and stroke back the fibres at the tip. Bind the exposed tip down to the hook shank. Fold the tip back over itself and bind down again. Palmer the Marabou around the hook shank while stroking the fibres back after each turn. Bind down and cut the excess. If the Marabou isn't as full as you would like repeat with another plume.



9. Select 2 strands of purple Flashabou from the hank and bind down on the top of the fly over the Marabou and cut inline with the Krystal flash.
10. Bind a Grizzle Hackle to the near side of the hook shank with the tip inline with the Krystal flash. Repeat for the far side with another Grizzle Hackle.



11. Build a neat head, whip finish and place head cement on the head.
12. Using wire cutters cut the hook off the hook shank and reinsert the stinger hook on the intruder wire and go fishing.



OPTIONAL: if you want more weight, to add barbell eyes before forming the head.

Tight Lines & Good Luck!