
FLY OF THE MONTH

Shoup's Crazy Crayfish

This streamer generally resembles a crayfish pattern, with some added flash and mallard flank for extra movement. This is a great fly for bright days, as the materials will reflect the light and provide an additional attractant to the fish. This fly is best drifted close to the bottom, simulating a crayfish swimming along with the current.

Hook:	#6 - #8 2XL Heavy Nymph Hook, Mustad 9672, Orvis J1526, or equivalent
Conehead:	Medium Gold Conehead
Thread:	Brown or Rust, size 6/0
Tail:	Mixture of 2 colors of DNA fibers or Krystal Flash (Root beer, Pearl, Red, Olive)
Body:	Root beer or Olive Micro Chenille
Legs:	Tan Caterpillar Legs
Wing:	Olive or Brown Marabou
Collar:	Mallard Duck Flank (Yellow, Gold, or Natural)



1. Slide the conehead onto the hook so the cone faces back toward the hook bend.
2. Wrap the hook with thread down to parallel with hook point. Cut the DNA or Krystal fibers into sections to form a short, thick tail. Secure the tail so it sticks straight out parallel to hook shank.
3. Tie in the chenille at the tail. Do not wrap the chenille yet.
4. Cut 4 leg sections about 2" long. Make them all the same length. Secure 2 pairs of legs along the hook shank, leaving room between the front legs and the conehead for the wing and collar.
5. Wrap the chenille carefully. As you wrap, put one wrap over the point where the legs are secured. Continue wrapping until you have covered the front legs.
6. Tie in a wing make of the tip of a marabou feather. The wing should not be any longer than the chenille body section.
7. Strip the barbs from one side of the mallard flank feather. Tie in the mallard flank feather by pushing the tip of the quill up into the conehead and wrapping with thread. Wrap the collar around the hook shank, secure with thread, and trim off the tip of the feather.
8. Brush back all the barbs of the mallard flank. Secure with a few thread wraps. This will sweep the mallard flank rearward.
9. Wrap the thread several times behind the conehead to build up a thread dam. This will press the conehead toward the hook eye. Conclude with a whip finish. It is highly suggested to use head cement on this fly to keep the thread from unraveling.

