

Craft Fur Black Ghost Conehead

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The Black Ghost streamer has been a consistent fish-catcher for the better part of a century. Here's a version with a few new wrinkles.

Hook	Streamer, sizes 2-10; here, a Daiichi model 2220.
Thread	First, Uni-Stretch in a bobbin, then black 8/0 Uni-Thread or similar.
Head	A silver or black cone.
Tail	Yellow hackle or hair.
Ribbing	Flat silver tinsel.
Body	The black Uni-stretch.
Wing	White craft fur, layered.
Collar	Soft yellow hackle (dyed hen neck or saddle), wrapped as a collar.



Step 1. Note that I've used hair for the tail, because it's long enough that I can bury it the length of the hook shank, so there are no bumps to deal with.



Step 2. After tying in the tail and ribbing tinsel and completing the body, tie off the Uni-Stretch and tie on the regular thread. Then wrap the ribbing, keeping the turns well-spaced.



Step 3. The craft fur goes on in three layers, each one slightly shorter than the previous one.

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Step 4. The hackle feather is tied in by the tip end.



Step 5. Wrap the hackle right up into the aperture of the cone, and tie it off. Then, to lock in the cone, push it back as far as it will go, tied back on in front of the cone, and build a "dam" of thread.



Step 6. The finished Craft Fur Black Ghost Conehead.

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