

Leech Mouse

Materials for the Leech-Mouse:

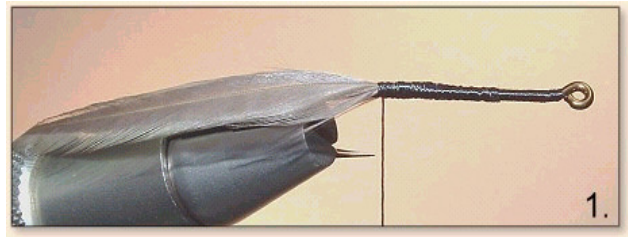
Hook: Mustad 3366, size 1/0.

Thread: 3/0 or G, Black.

Body: Crosscut Rabbit Fur Strip, Gray.

Tail: Saddle Hackle Feather, Gray.

1. Start the thread and wrap back to the bend of the hook. Select a feather from a saddle and tie in so that the length from the eye of the hook to the end of the tail is about 4 inches



2. Tie in a cross-cut Rabbit strip so that the fur sweeps toward the tail. Wrap forward with slightly overlapping wraps so that the hide is hidden.



3. Tie off leaving enough room behind the eye of the hook to build a thread head. Trim excess Rabbit strip



4. Build a proportionate thread head. Whip finish and coat with head cement.

Fishing the leech-mouse

This fly can be fished on the surface as a drowning mouse, with frantic twitching and pauses. As the Rabbit fur becomes soaked it will sink and becomes an undulating leech. Fish it near weed beds and over structure like logs. False casting several times will dry the fly, or coat it with floatant if you like.

