

December Fly of the Month

Orange Woolly Bugger

By Dell Swearingen



Materials List:

Hook:	Firehole 811 barbless hook in sizes 10, 8, or 6 or equivalent
Thread:	Black or Orange size 6/0 or 8/0
Body:	Medium chenille Fiery Orange or Pumpkin Sparkle Leech Dub
Krystal Flash:	Orange two or three strands in tail
Hackle:	Palmered grizzly saddle hackle dyed: coachman brown or burnt orange
Head:	Gold or black tungsten bead
Tail:	FL Fire Orange, Hot Orange or Burnt Orange Marabou

In late October 2019, five friends, fished Quesnel Lake, British Columbia and found this pattern to be deadly. They caught and released over 300 rainbows, several over 20 inches, and a few lake trout. The largest lake trout was 29 inches and the largest rainbow was 30 inches and weighed ten pounds. The flies were fished on five weight fly rods using Rio System 6 full sinking lines. Egg patterns were also successfully used.

Directions:

1. Thread the bead on the hook, insert the hook in the vice and put down a thread base to the bend of the hook.



Figure 1

2. Measure the tail so it extends one hook shank behind the bend of the hook and tie it in starting right behind the bead head.



Figure 2

3. Directly in front of the tail, tie in about three inches of copper wire and the tip of the grizzly saddle feather.

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Figure 3

4. Tear off about a quarter inch of the chenille to expose the underlying string for a flatter tie in point. Tie in the chenille in front of tail.



Figure 4

5. Spiral the chenille up the hook to the bead head using touching turns.



Figure 5

6. Spiral the grizzly feather with four or five turns and tie off at the bead head. Then, counter wrap the copper wire with four or five turns and tie off behind the bead. While holding the wire tight, put two thread turns behind the wire and two turns in front of the wire. It is also helpful to counter wrap the wire once behind the bead and another wrap in the original direction. This will ensure the wire is firmly secure. Helicopter the wire until it breaks off. Next, complete a five-turn whip finish. Apply head cement and the fly is ready to fish.



Figure 6



Figure 7

Thirty Inch 10-pound rainbow caught and returned to Quesnel Lake