

Tying Duncan's Golden Shrimp



Always begin by looking carefully at the example fly. This will help you understand what each step is trying to accomplish. Each piece of material is being placed on the fly for a reason. The other thing is that once a mistake is made it is very hard to make it go away. It is far better to recognize a mistake as it is being made and back up a step and do it over correctly. An excellent fly is never made by building over a mistake.

Start by attaching the tying thread to the rear of the Waddington Shank. A shank can be tied in a normal vise but you must remember that the TOP of the fly is either toward you or away from you depending on how you like the eye.



Take a foot of Fireline and attach it to the far side of the Waddington Shank and lace it down toward the front for about a quarter of an inch. Take the tag end, the end toward the front, and put it through the eye of the shank and pull it back tight to the tie in point.



Wrap it around the shank 3-4 times and run it back through the eye and pull it back tight. Wrap it around 3-4 times and pull it back tight again. Then pull it to the rear and lace it tightly to the shank and trim the excess. Repeat the process with the other end of the Fireline leaving a loop that is 2-3" from the front of the shank to the end of the loop. Insert an Owner hook into the loop and you are ready to go. You can adjust the weight and buoyancy of the pattern by adjusting the size of the hook. Following these instructions will result in a trailer loop which will not pull out.





Stroke the fibers perpendicular to the stem on a Golden Pheasant Flank feather and tie it in by the tips. Fold the feather by raking your scissor along the top of the step as you pull snugly on the stem. This will allow the hackle to lay easily over the shank and to the rear.



Wrap the Golden Pheasant flank feather 3-5 turns and repeat with a second feather. This ends up being a bushy looking rear end.

Take 8-12 strands of Rhea and tie in 2-3 strands on each of 4 sides of the shank.



Take 12-16 strands of long Golden Pheasant tail fibers and tie in 2 strands on each of 6-8 sides of the shank. These really need to be spread out to get the buggy look we are going for here.



At this point you can start to see the buggy look this fly is going to achieve.



Take a yellow Golden Pheasant Breast feather and remove the short and fuzzy parts leaving only the lovely gold fibers. Tie this feather in a shellback on top of the shank. Remember that in a non-rotary vise the top of the shank is on the near side as shown in the picture.

Attach the Glimmer Body.



Wrap the Glimmer Body and carefully stroke the fibers to the rear while you wrap. The idea is not to trap any of the fibers underneath the wraps.



Place a second yellow Golden Pheasant breast feather as before. Apply head cement and you are ready to fish it.

