

Mallard Spider

Materials:

Thread:	Black 8/0
Hook:	Mustad 9671,9672 3906B
Sizes:	2-10
Tail:	Red hackle fibers
Body:	Yellow Floss
Ribbing:	Gold embossed tinsel (round)
Under wing:	White or light yellow marabou
Hackle:	Mallard breast feather pulled back

1. Pull out a small clump of red saddle hackle fibers, tie these in approximately one third of the way back from the eye and wrap over the top of the fibers to the bend.
2. Tie in a piece of gold embossed tinsel at the same place and wrap thread over top of it to the bend.
3. Tie in a piece of yellow floss. Wrap the yellow floss forward. Tie off and trim.
4. Rib the body with close, even spacing with the gold embossed tinsel. Tie off and trim.
5. Pluck out a small bunch of dyed marabou. Measure for length, leaving one-half inch extending over the bend of the hook for a tail.
6. Select a mallard breast feather with fibers long enough to extend slightly past the tail of marabou feathers.
7. Pull one-eighth of an inch of feathers off the base of the mallard breast feather and tie in the base at the one-third point behind the eye of the hook.
8. Wind the feather around the hook, pulling the fibers back as you wind. Wind forward all the way until there is no more feather left. Tie off and trim.
9. Pulling feather fibers backwards, wrap back over them and then forward again. Whip finish and lacquer the head.