

# Wooly Bugger



## Recipe

Hook:	3 x – 4 x streamer hook size 4 through 10
Thread:	Black 6/0 (match the color of the fly)
Tail:	Black marabou
Body:	Black chenille
Rib:	Grizzly saddle hackle

### Tying Instructions:

Start your thread at the head with a jam knot and wrap back down the shank to where the bend of the hook starts. At this point, tie in one marabou feather using the pinch method. The length of the tail should be approximately equal to the length of the shank of the hook (straight part). Secure with 3 or 4 tight wraps. If you have difficulty working with the marabou, dip your fingers in water and stroke the feather and it will be much easier to work with.

Lift up the butt of the feather and wrap the thread using traveling wraps towards the eye stopping approximately 1/4" behind the eye. Twist the butt end of the marabou feather 3 or 4 times to gather the loose feathers into a rope. Holding the butt of the feather with your right hand, pass the bobbin over the hook 3 times to secure the feather. Then let go of the butt and make 3 tight wraps to secure the feather. Trim the butt of the feather on the eye side of the tie off point. Bind down the feather with traveling wraps to the original tie in point of the tail. Use the pinch method to tie in a saddle hackle by the tip (pointed) end of the feather at the original tie in point of the tail. Use traveling wraps to advance the thread to 1/8" behind the eye of the hook. Tie in a piece of chenille (6" long) using the pinch method and then secure with 3 tight wraps. Holding the chenille parallel to the hook shank and on your side of the hook, wind the thread using traveling wraps towards the bend trying to keep the chenille on the side or the top of the hook. After the thread has been wound to the original tie in point of the tail, wrap back towards the eye using traveling wraps to a point 1/8" behind the eye.

Apply a thin coat of head cement to the chenille. Then wrap the chenille around the shank in close, side by side wraps towards the eye of the hook. You should keep tension on the chenille as you wrap. Stop wrapping the chenille 1/8" behind the eye of the hook. Hold the end of the chenille in front of the eye at a point above the shank with your right hand. The chenille will come off the

shank at approximately a 45 degree angle. With your left hand pass the bobbin over the shank three times in the same spot. This will secure the chenille. Clip the excess chenille. Secure the chenille with several wraps of thread (4 or 5).

Now grab the butt end of the saddle hackle and palmer it towards the eye of the hook. Palmering is wrapping the feather in spaced out wraps approximately 1/8" apart. Remember to maintain tension as you wrap. This will force the stem of the feather into the chenille and cause the fibers of the feather to stick out creating a "buggy" effect. Tie off the saddle hackle using the same technique used in tying of the chenille. Secure the feather with several wraps of thread (4 or 5).

Use 3 or 4 half hitches or a whip finish to finish the head. Clip the thread and place a small amount of head cement on the thread head.