

COPPER FLAMING PIG

Tube - 12mm Copper
Thread - Fire Orange
Wing - Orange Boar bristles
Orange Bucktail
Pearl Krystal Flash
Tail Hackle - Orange cock
Rib - Gold wire
Body - Holo Gold
Hackle - Yellow Schlappen
Head - Pearl



Secure the tube in the vice. Tie in the thread and take it down to 4mm from the end. Tie in the 4-6 Boar bristles on top of the tube with well waxed thread. The tail should be 3 times the length of the tube, or longer if you prefer. Arrange them so that they curve upwards and are fanned out, add a drop of superglue to the roots and tie in tightly. Prepare and tie in a bunch of Orange Bucktail and then 4-6 strands of Pearl and Orange Krystal Flash slightly shorter than the Boar bristles. Bind in tightly to the head and trim the waste off to a taper. Take the thread back to the tail.

Tie in a large Orange Cock hackle by the tip. Double it and wind 5-6 turns. Take some turns of thread tight up to the base to ensure that this tail hackle slopes to the rear.

Tie in a length of Gold Wire and a length of Flat or Holo Gold. Bind in tightly to the head and trim the waste. Wind the tinsel tightly up to the head to form the body. Rib the body with the wire and trim off.

Tie in a Yellow Schlappen hackle by the tip. Double it and wind 4 turns. Take some turns of thread tight up to the base to ensure that this tail hackle slopes to the rear and trim the waste.

Prepare a pair of Jungle Cock eyes and tie these in a V shape on top of the tube. Adjust their position and then fold back the butts, tie down tightly and trim off. Form a neat small head. Tie in a strand of Pearl Krystal Flash. Coat the head with superglue and wind the flash over it. Tie in and whip finish. Now apply a coat of superglue and when dry several coats of clear varnish to produce a smooth shiny head.