

FOXFORD SHRIMP

Head - Red
Tag - Oval Silver
Tail - GP Red breast
Rib - Oval Silver
Rear Body - Black Seals Fur
Mid Hackle - Badger cock
Rib - Oval Silver
Front Body - Fiery Brown Seal
Hackle - Ginger cock
Eyes - Jungle Cock



Secure the hook in the vice. Tie in the thread and wind down to the point tying in a length of Oval Silver. Wind the Oval 4 turns backwards to form a tag, take the Oval between the 2 hooks and pull back towards the head. Secure with the thread and trim off. Tie in a Golden Pheasant Red breast feather by the tip. Double it and wind 3 turns. Be gentle as the tip is very delicate. Brush the fibres out so that they are evenly spread around the hook and tie down and trim off. Take a few turns of thread over the base of the feather for security. Tie in a length of Silver Oval, secure with the thread and trim off. Dub the thread with Black Seals fur and wind on to the midpoint forming the rear body. Rib with the Oval, tie in and trim off. Tie in a Cream Badger cock hackle by the tip. Double it and wind 3 turns, tie in and trim the waste. Tie in a length of Silver Oval secure with the thread and trim off. Dub the thread with Fiery Brown Seals fur. Wind up to the head forming the front body. Rib with the Oval, tie in and trim off. Tie in a Ginger cock hackle by the tip, double it and wind 3 turns. Take some turns of thread tight up to the base to slope it backwards. Prepare a pair of Jungle Cock eyes and tie in so that they lie slightly flat with the inside edges close together (this is called Roofed) on the top of the hook. Pull back the waste stalks, bind in tightly and trim off the waste. Form a neat small head and whip finish. Now apply several coats of thin clear varnish to produce a smooth shiny head.

Originally Irish Shrimp flies were tied with the front hackle longer than the middle hackle. The current trend is with the front hackle shorter than the middle. The body was also half and half in the past but the current sizes are $\frac{3}{5}$ ^{ths} rear and $\frac{2}{5}$ ^{ths} front. Also the oval tinsel on the front body was thicker than the rear.