

FRANC 'n SNAELDA

Tube - Bottle

Tail - 4 Blue Hackle stalks

Black Bucktail

Silver Krystal Flash

Hackle - Black cock

Rib - Silver oval tinsel

Body - Blue cock

Head - Silver cone



This fly is a combination of a Francis and a Snaelda.

Secure the tube in the vice with 10mm of the inner tube sticking out the front. Run the tying thread down the tube leaving a space at the rear for the hook tubing. Prepare 4 large cock hackles by stripping off all the fibres just leaving the bare stalks. Tie the hackle stalks in for the tail spreading them around the tube and splaying outwards with a some light wraps of thread, they should be at 2-3 the tube and hook length. Bind them in tightly when they are in the right position with some very tight wraps, a small drop of superglue helps here. Prepare a bunch of Bucktail and tie this in spread around the tube. This should be slightly shorter than the hackle stalks. Tie in 4 strands of Krystal Flash spread around the tail. Tie in a long fibred Cock hackle by the tip, double it and wind 5 turns. Bind everything in tightly to the midpoint and trim the waste. Return the thread to the tail.

Wax the the thread well and tie in a longish length of wool. Wind the wool up and down the body to form a carrot shape body. Be sure to tie the wool very tightly as it can slip as you form the carrot shape. Tie the wool in at the head and trim off. Rib the tinsel up the body, again very tightly, tie in and trim off. Prepare a cock hackle and tie in by the tip, double it and wind 3 turns. Tie off and whip finish.

Slide the cone onto the protuding tube liner and push it up to the head to check the fit. If it is ok pull it back and apply a tiny drop of superglue to the head, not the tubing, and push the cone firmly into place. Cut the liner sticking out the front to 2mm. Gently apply a flame to the tube and melt over the end until it is flush with the cone. Push a dubbing needle into the tube to make sure the hole for the leader is open.

This is a generic pattern and you can use any colours.