

SHAPED TUBES

Tube - Brass Skittle

Grooves - Orange & Yellow paint

Body - Tube

Wing - Yellow Bucktail

Orange Arctic Fox

Pearl Krystal Flash

Black Tanuki

Hackle - Yellow cock, Orange cock

Head - Black



Cut a length of suitable size inner so that it is 10mm longer than the tube. Flame over one end. Push the liner into the tube from the rear, plain end first until the flamed end is tight to the back and the excess tube is sticking out the front. Secure the tube in the vice. If there are grooves on the tube you can add a bit of colour by painting them using your dubbing needle and varnish or tie some GloBrite floss in them. Tie the thread onto the liner tubing and form a small bed of waxed thread. Prepare and tie in a bunch of Yellow Bucktail for the underwing, this should be at least twice the tube length, trim off the waste. Prepare and tie in a bunch of Orange Arctic Fox for the next wing layer which consists mostly of the softer underfur. This should be shorter than the Bucktail, trim off the waste. Tie in 4 strands of Pearl Krystal Flash slightly shorter than the Bucktail and trim the waste. Prepare and tie in a bunch of Black Tanuki pelt (Finn Racocon) for the final wing layer. Trim off the waste and form a smooth bed with well waxed thread. Tie in a long fibred webby Yellow cock hackle, double it and wind 3 turns and tie off. Do the same with an Orange cock hackle. Form a neat head and whip finish.

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 head.

Apply a coat of superglue and several coats of varnish to produce a smooth shiny head.

There are lots of different shaped tubes on the market. This fly is tied on a 8mm Compact tube.

