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The McLeech created by Prof. Johnny McJunkins

A very special pattern, the invention by a fine Fly Fisherman and creative Tyer who has several other patterns such as the Mcjig, the Rocket, Y2K, the River Hag, all of which are great producers in our 4 states area.



Johnny resides in Mineral Springs, a Professor at Texarkana College. He is a permanent landmark in the Little Missouri River. Fishes our area waters at every opportunities. Prior to my acquaintance with Johnny, I had witnessed the prolific fish catching demonstration the McLeech put forth one very early morning at the Little Missouri River.

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### Tying Size 12:

Streamer Hook: 3x long TMC or Mustad.

Weight: If more weight needed use bigger size.  
Can be tied without weight for shallow water.

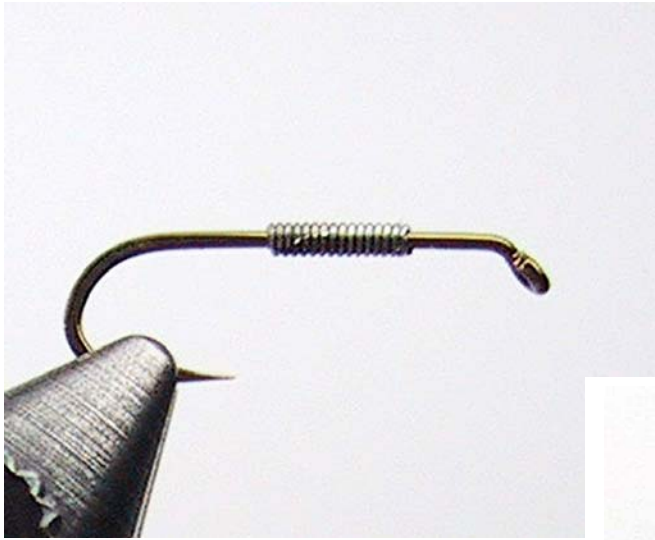
Tails: Brown Marabou

Body: Medium Brown Chenille

Wing: Brown Marabou

Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 Brown uni thread.

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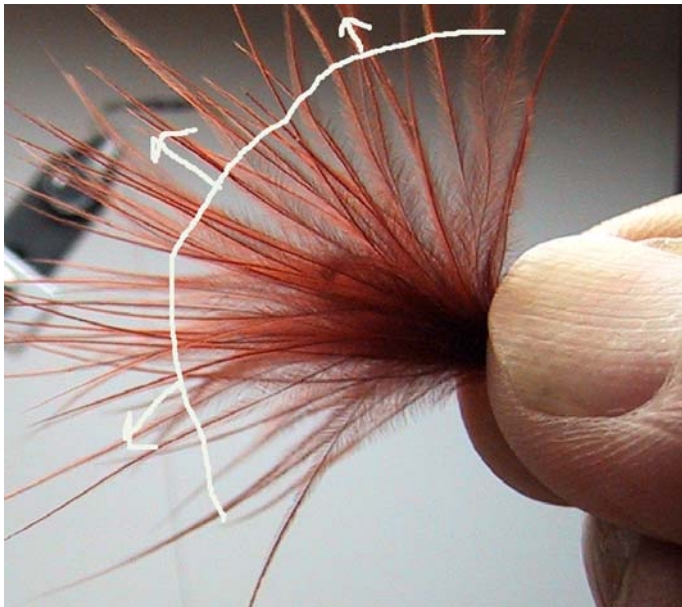
### Adding weight. 3.1

.010 lead – wrap from 12 to 14 wraps.  
Leeches have little head. Leave plenty  
of room behind the hook eye.



### The Thread Base 3.2

Cover the lead with 8/0 or 6/0 uni thread.  
Then wrap from behind the hook eye to the  
bend of the hook.



### Preparing the Marabou 3.3

Most strung marabous have long tips  
. They do not produce good action in the  
water. The webby parts are closer to  
the base. Pinch off all the tip ends  
beyond the white line as shown.

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### ← Marabous for the tail.4.1

The tail marabous with the tips pinched off.  
Do not cut them off.

### → Gathering enough Marabou 4.2

Put the prepared batch of marabous in a clip until enough is gathered for a busy tail.



### ← Measuring the tail length 4.3

Gently pick up the prepared Marabou with the right hand. Lay on top of hook shank. Usually the length of the tail is one length of the shank.

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### Position the tie in point 5.1

← When the required length is determined from step 4.3, move the marabou over to the bend of the hook. We have now moved the tie in point of the marabou to the position of tie in on top of the bend of the hook.



### Tying the tails 5.2

Change hand. Pinch the marabou with the left hand, thumb and index tightly before letting go of the right hand. Make a couple of soft wraps, tight enough that they will hold the marabou if you let go of the left hand for inspection. Then make at least 2 more tight wraps towards the bend.



### Tails in position. 5.3



### Trim off excess 5.4

Make a 45 degree cut backward to form a tapered body.

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### ← Tying down the underbody. 6.1

Palmer the thread towards the front from 5.4 to hold the marabou. Then wrap backwards with tight wraps of the thread to the tail tie in point. Further pinch off some of the tip tail feathers.



### → Body Chenille 6.2

Strip some of the chenille at the tip to expose the core. Tie the chenille by the core and advance the thread to behind the hook eye.



### ← 6.3 Wrap the chenille tightly towards the hook eye.

### → The wings 6.4

Tie in a few feathers at the head for the wings.



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## The incredible Leech

