

Black Bear Green Butt



Recipe

Hook:	Atlantic salmon hook size 2/0 through 8
Thread:	Black 6/0
Tag:	Fine oval silver tinsel and green floss or wool
Tail:	Black hackle fibers
Rib:	Oval silver tinsel or flat tinsel
Body:	Black floss
Throat:	Black hackle (schlappen)
Wing:	Black bear or black squirrel tail

Tying Instructions:

Start the thread behind the loop eye using a jam knot. Wind the thread down the shank to a point above the point of the hook. Tie in a 5-6" section of fine oval silver tinsel on the far side of the hook near the bottom. Keeping the tinsel in that location on the hook, secure it with thread to a point just before the barb of the hook. Wrap the thread back to a point half way between the barb and the point.

Start wrapping the tinsel toward the eye, forming the tag. The first wrap should be on a bare shank and the other wraps will be on top of the thread base. Make 4 or 5 wraps of tinsel. Tie off and then keep the end of the tinsel on the front side of the hook near the bottom. Cover with thread to the original tie in point of the tinsel. Trim off any ends of tinsel.

At the original tie in point of the tinsel, tie in a 6" piece of floss. Wrap the floss down the shank to the tag and then back to the original tie in point. Tie off the floss. Trim the ends. Select a small bunch of hackle fibers and using the pinch method tie them in on top of the hook, just in front of where the floss tag ended. The tail should extend slightly past the bend. Wrap thread back to behind the loop eye. Tie in a piece 6" piece of oval silver tinsel on the bottom/back of the hook. Bind the tinsel down keeping it on the back/bottom of the hook as you move towards where the tail is tied in. Return your thread to the back of the loop eye. Tie in a 8 – 10" piece of black floss. Move your thread a little towards the eye. Wrap the floss back to the tag (covering the hackle tail butts) and then return to the thread. Tie off the floss and trim the excess. Then wrap the oval tinsel over the floss so that you have EXACTLY 5 evenly spaced wraps of tinsel (the salmon cops will be counting). Tie off the tinsel on the underside of the hook.

Tie in a bunch of black hackle fibers on the underside of the hook slightly longer than the gap of the hook. Select a small bunch of black bear/black squirrel tail for the wing and cut it to length. This wing should be approximately the same length as the tail. The bear hair should be as fine as possible. Putting a little head cement on the butts of the bear/squirrel will make the tie in process a little easier. Tie in the wing on top of the shank and start forming the head as you cover the butts. Whip finish and coat with your head cement of choice.