

Mangum's Dragon Tail

Diver Style Tying Instructions

“Mangum's Dragon Tail” was conceived by David Mangum from Florida. David is a top notch Fly Tier and Guide. With his knowledge and background, the “Dragon Tail” is now available. Final development and procurement was the collaborated efforts by the Orvis Company and Cascade Crest Tools. Please note that these are VARIATIONS of David's original Dragon Tail.

Materials needed :

3/0 or 5/0 , 2 x long hook, Cactus Chenille

6/0 Thread with bobbin, 16 or .20 stainless wire with bobbin

Foam Safe C /A, 1 1/4” Flex Hackle

15—8 mm Crystal Head or Fish Skulls, Foam Diver Heads

Dragon Tails.

The Diver Dragon is easy to tie and has swimming characteristic like no other streamer or baitfish imitation. This version dives head first to the bottom. The body will wiggle side to side with a slow but steady strip. It will ”dance and bob when a short fast strip is used. We suggest a 8 weight or heavier rod with a Salt-water Weight forward line and a short leader about 5-6 feet long. Using a heavy butt section and a heavy tippet in the 12 lb class. depending on what species your are fishing for.



Cut a small section off the tail of the minnow and place a small drop of the foam safe C /A. This will eliminate the possibility of the tail unraveling.



Place the hook into the vise using stainless wire start at the middle of the hook and wind 1/2 way up the shank towards the eye of the hook.



Tie an 8” piece of cactus chenille using the stainless wire tightly wind **both** the chenille and wire to the rear of the hook as shown.



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Leave the wire at the back of the hook as shown. Wind the chenille up the shank of the hook creating a large full body. Hold the chenille in place then tie in the 6/0 thread and secure the body, clip off any extra material.



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Apply a bead of C/A to the top of the cactus chenille and pull the body back and hold in place until the glue dries.



6.

Weave the stainless wire back and forth securing the body on the top of the hook. Toward the eye of the hook. Remember to leave enough head space for the Flex Hackle and Crystal Minnow head. Trim off the remaining minnow head.



7.

Tie in a 5 inch piece of Flex Hackle (as shown) at the head and wind the hackle about 3 or 4 times creating a collar. Clip off any excess material and tie off and apply head cement or the foam safe C / A .



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Glue the Crystal Head in place and apply 3 D eyes and your done.

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Intermediate Sinking Style Tying Instructions

This version is what we call a Intermediate Sinking Dragon Tail It is tied the same as the Diver variations, it has the same “Live Action”, snake like side to side action or rapid dancing action depending what retrieve you use. With this little amount of flotation, the fly will sink gradually, staying parallel while it slowly descends.



Pre check that the popper head will fit inside the Crystal Heads..
Once this is established place Cupped Face Popper on the hook shank. Start the wire and chenille as before winding both wire and chenille back to the back of the hook.



After you have wound the chenille to the rear of the head, attach the Tail body in place (as shown) using the 6/0 thread. Tie off the thread and clip the remaining head of the minnow.



Finish the hackle as before and slide the Crystal Head on to the popper body, glue in place. The Intermediate Dragon Tail is now finished.

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Floating Style Tying Instructions

The floating version is tied as the other versions. A simple change of the head using a modified Diver Head makes a completely different attractor pattern. It has the same, snake like side to side action or a loud pop if you use a short strip. Pictured below are Cascade's different variations using this great new component.

Floating Version



Diver Version



Intermediate Version

