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"Black Nose Dace Bucktail Streamer"



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In 1947 Art Flick, an accomplished and innovative fly tyer from the Catskill Region of NY, published his best-known book "Art Flick's Streamside Guide". Here is where the Black Nose Dace Bucktail Streamer was first introduced. Art invented the Black Nose Dace Bucktail Streamer to imitate the dace and chubs that lived in the stream. Today this is one of the most popular flies to catch trout and bass with.

The Black Nose Dace is a simple fly to learn how to tie, one of the tricks is to keep it sparse. This fly will teach how to work with Bucktail and Tinsel. This fly is tied on a streamer hook, which is 5X to 7X long in sizes 4 through 12. To see a video on how to tie this fly, go [HERE](#).

Materials

Hook: 5X to 7X long shank Hook sizes 4 through 12

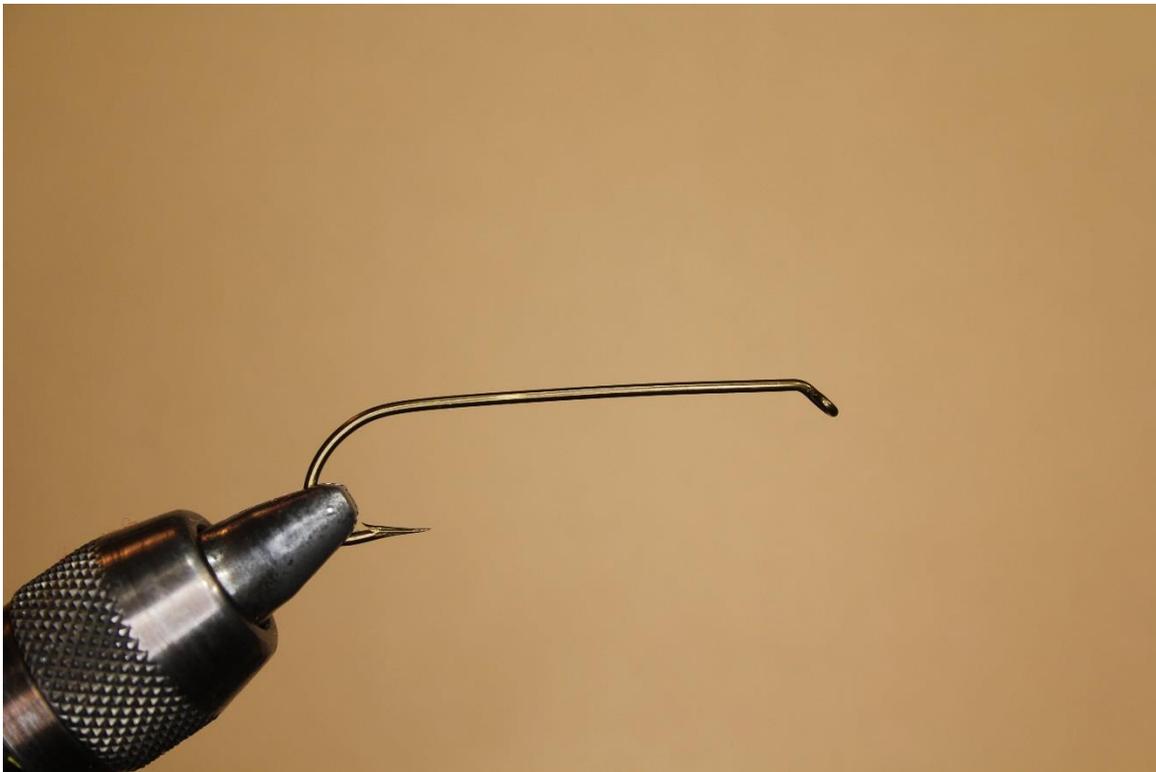
Thread: Black 6/0 or 70 Denier

Tail: Red Yarn

Body: Silver Mylar Tinsel

Wing: Brown over Black over White Bucktail

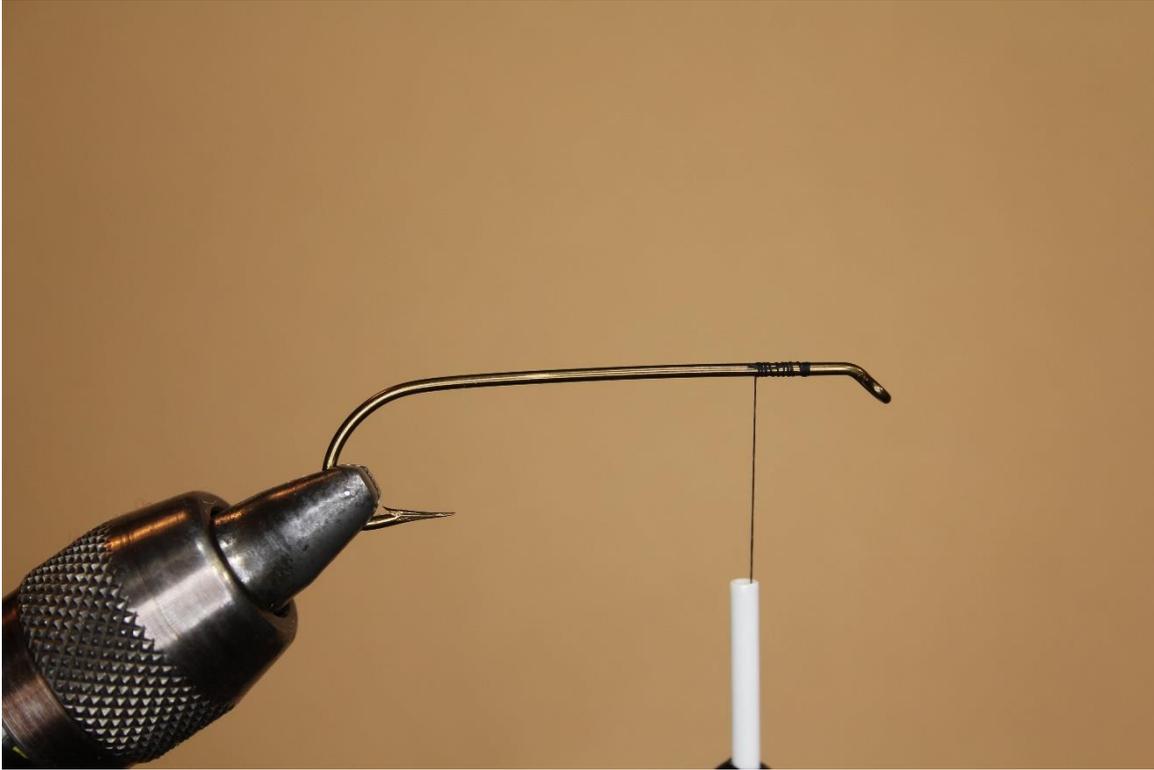
Tying Steps



Step 1

Secure the hook in your fly tying vise making sure the shank of the hook is level with your table.

For this example, I am using a 7X long shank hook with a limerick bend, and size 4.

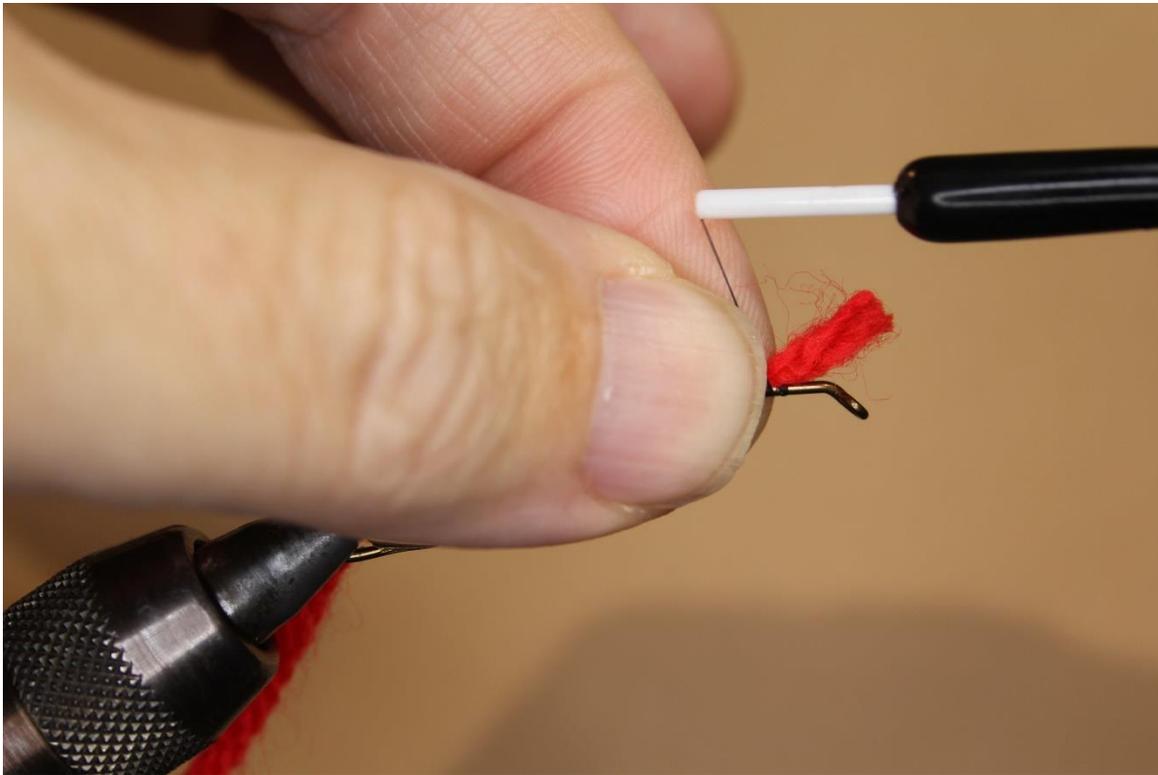


Step 2

Attach your tying thread to the hook. Start an eye length behind the eye.

Wrap your thread to the bend of the hook and back to where you started.

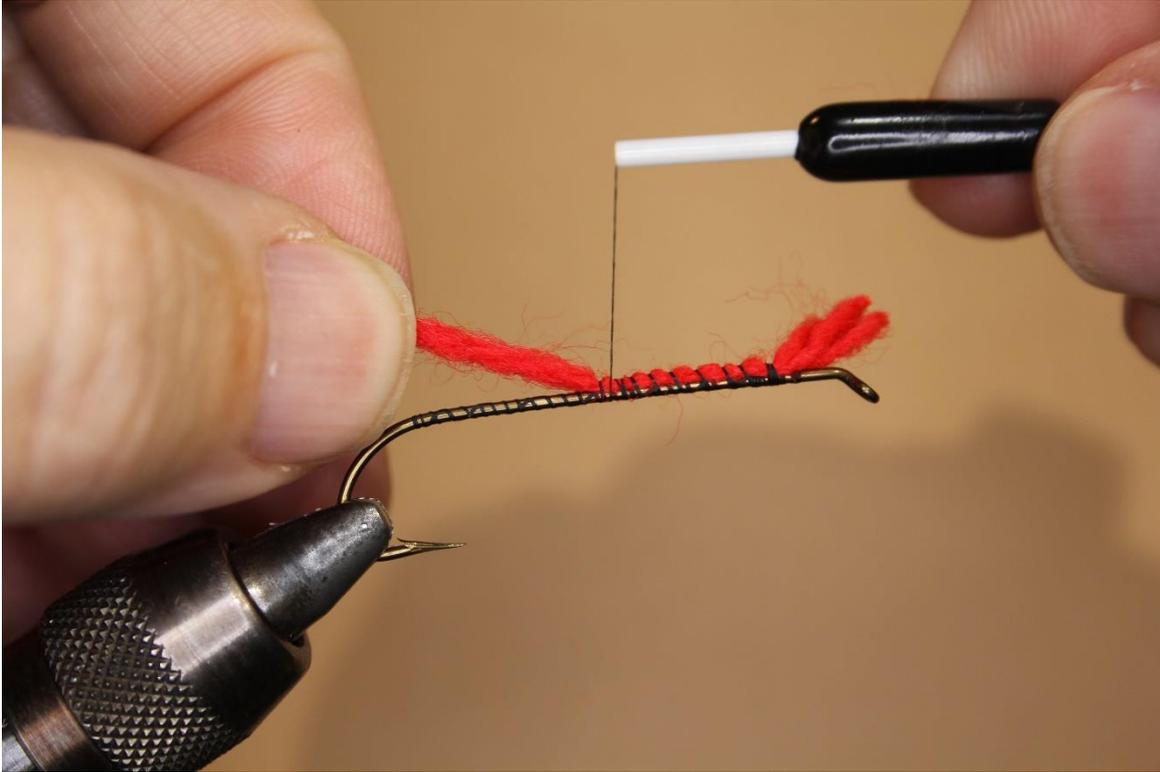
This will cover the shank of the hook with a thread base. This will help keep materials from sliding around the hook shank.



Step 3

Cut a piece of Red Yarn for the tail that will extend past the bend of the hook when secured behind the eye of the hook.

Secure the Red Yarn at least 3 or 4 eye lengths behind the eye. This is to leave room for the wing and head of the Bucktail Streamer.



Step 4

Secure the Red Yarn to the top of the hook shank. Holding the end of the yarn above the hook shank and tight. This will give the body a nice even look when the Silver Mylar Tinsel is tied on for the body.



Step 5

Secure the red yarn at the bend of the hook: The bend is in line with the barb of the hook.



Step 6

Bring your tying thread to where you secured the red yarn behind the eye.

Cut the red yarn that is extended over the eye of the hook. Trim it close to the body.



Step 7

Trim the Red Yarn at the bend of the hook to make the tail of the Black Nose Dace. The tail length will be the width of the gap of the hook.



Step 8

We are now ready to tie in the Silver Mylar Tinsel for the body. I am using a medium width tinsel that is gold on one side and silver on the other.

Take a long piece of tinsel and tie it gold side facing you. I am using around 6 inches for a size 4 hook.



Step 9:

Wrapping the Tinsel. Each wrap goes over the top of the fly, clockwise, and comes under the shank of the hook towards you. This will keep the gold side towards the inside of the body.

Each wrap should touch the previous wrap as you go towards the bend of the hook.



Step 10

Once at the bend of the hook, it is time to wrap the tinsel back towards the eye and end at your starting point. This will help cover areas where the underbody shows through.



Step 11

Bring the tinsel to the starting point. At least 3 eye lengths behind the eye to make room for the wing. Tie off the tinsel and cut it.



Step 12

Selecting the White Bucktail for the streamer wing. You do not need a large amount.



Step 13

This is something hard to explain on how much to cut. But the amount is sparse. If I had to use a measurement, the thickness would be $\frac{1}{2}$ the thickness of a bodkin. Or at least 2 to 3 matchsticks thick.

Cut the Bucktail near the tail hide. Clean out any short hairs.



Step 14

I stack the Bucktail to try to even the tips of the hair.

Place the tips of the Bucktail into the funnel of your hair stacker. The tips are the fine ends of the hair. The butts of the Bucktail are where you have cut the hair off the tail.



Step 15

Once the hair is in the hair stacker, hit the bottom of the hair stacker on the table, holding the funnel piece with your index finger. This will line up the tips of the Bucktail.



Step 16

Turn the hair stacker horizontal and remove the base from the funnel. The tips of the Bucktail are even.

Grab the Bucktail by the tips and get ready to attach the wing to the fly.



Step 17

Measure the White Bucktail to the shank of the hook. The tips of the white Bucktail should extend to the tip of the tail which is a gap length past the bend of the hook.

Secure the white Bucktail 1 eye length behind the eye of the hook using the pinch method.

Be careful not to spin the hair around the shank of the hook. This has to be attached on top of the hook shank.



Step 18

Make several wraps to hold the Bucktail in place. All wraps should use the pinch method and keep the Bucktail from slipping around the hook shank.



Step 19

Trim the butt ends of the white Bucktail at an angle. I use the slant of the down eye for the angle.



Step 20

Repeat steps 12 through 16 for the Black Bucktail.

Then attach the black Bucktail on top of the white Bucktail. Right behind where you left off with the white Bucktail.

Make sure you use the pinch method to attach the black Bucktail. This is the lateral line of the minnow.



Step 21

Make several wraps to hold the Bucktail in place. All wraps should use the pinch method and keep the Bucktail from slipping around the hook shank. As you can see you now have two layers of bucktail. The tips do not extend past the tail.



Step 22

Trim the butt ends of the black Bucktail at an angle. I use the slant of the down eye for the angle.



Step 23

Tie in a few more wraps to secure the black bucktail wing and prepare the brown bucktail as in steps 12 through 16.



Step 24

Secure the Brown Bucktail on top of the black bucktail. Same method as we did for the white and black bucktail.



Step 25

Building the black nose for the black nose dace. Wrap you black tying thread to form the head of the fly. The foundation of cutting the bucktails butts at an angle help to form a nice wedge shape head.



Step 26

Whipfinish or use half hitch knots to finish the fly.



Step 27

Add head cement to the head using a bodkin tool. Or Solarez Bone Dry UV Resin. Both work great to secure the head from the teeth of the fish.



Step 28

The finished Black Nose Dace.

To see a video on how to tie this fly, go [HERE](#).

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