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**step: 3**

Take a squirrel strip from the package, and with wetted fingers, part the hair. Place the parted section directly above the barb point and lash the hide down to the hook with several tight wraps of thread.



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**step: 4**

Lift the front end of the squirrel strip up and move the thread forward to about an eye length back from the bead. Part the hair at this point as well and bind the hide down again at the front.



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**step: 5**

Clip the excess pine squirrel as close to the hook as you can.



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**step: 6**

Pull two long strands of flashabou from the package. Tie the flashabou in at the center of its length just behind the bead.



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**step: 7**

Pull two strands of flash back along the near side of the hook so it flanks the squirrel strip, and bind them in place with a couple turns of thread. Pull the other two strands back along the far side and bind them in place as well.



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**step: 8**

Select a bushy marabou feather and measure it against the shank so the tips extend back to the barb on the hook.



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**step: 9**

Grasp the marabou at the pre-measured point and bind it down on the top of the hook with a couple turns of thread. Let the thread tension distribute the marabou around the top half of the hook.



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**step: 10**

You may need to push the marabou around the shank a bit to get it evenly distributed as shown here.



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**step: 11**

Measure another clump of marabou to match the length of the first.



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**step: 12**

Tie the second clump in on the bottom of the shank in the same way as the first. Let this clump roll all the way around the bottom half of the hook shank.



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**step: 13**

Trim the butt ends of both marabou clumps as close to the hook as you can.



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**step: 14**

Wrap a smooth thread base over the remaining butts of the marabou right behind the bead.



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**step: 15**

Pull some fur from a squirrel strip and dub it onto the thread. Build up a small collar of dubbing right behind the bead to cover the marabou tie off area. Whip finish right behind the bead and clip the thread.



**step: 16**

Trim the squirrel strip wing/tail so it extends one shank length beyond the hook bend. Trim the flash so it is just a hair longer than the squirrel.



**step: 17**

After a swim...

