

# Flash tail Whistler

## List of materials

**HOOK:** 3/0 (or your choice)

**THREAD:** UTC 280 Red or color of your choice.

**BODY:** Large bead chain eyes, Flashabou, Bucktail, Cactus Chenille, grizzly hackle feathers, schlappen (or long hackle feather) \* Can substitute craft fur

## Steps



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| A close-up photograph of a fly hook with a red thread base and bead chain eyes. The hook is held in a vise, and the thread is being wrapped around the shank.       | <p>Lay down a thread base on the shank of the hook. Tie in a set of large bead chain eyes at the front of the hook. You can tie them on the top of the hook shank or on the bottom. Use "X" wraps to secure the eyes and make them straight. Then use tightening wraps to ensure the eyes are tight on the hook by going under the eyes and over the hook. Place a drop of super glue on the thread wraps.</p> |
| A close-up photograph of a large bunch of silver flash being tied to the hook. The flash is being held in a vise, and the thread is being wrapped around the shank. | <p>Tie in a rather large bunch of flash (silver is used here). It should be about three times the length of the hook shank. Depending on the length of your flash, you may have to tie it in at about the middle and fold back and secure. Make sure the flash goes all around the hook.</p>   |
| A close-up photograph of a small bunch of bucktail being tied to the hook. The bucktail is being held in a vise, and the thread is being wrapped around the shank.  | <p>Tie in a small bunch of bucktail with the tips facing the back of the fly. The tips should not extend past the flash. Make sure the bucktail is around the shank of the hook. Trim butt ends if necessary and place a drop of super glue or head cement on the thread wraps.</p>  |



Tie in another bunch of flash and fold over the bucktail. Make sure it spreads out over the top. (Pearl is used here)



Tie in a darker color of bucktail on the top of the hook. It can extend just as long as the first bunch of bucktail. This bucktail should only be on the top of the hook.



Tie in a piece of cactus chenille and wrap forward to just behind the bead chain eyes..Tie off and trim the excess. This chenille should be either a matching color as the overwing or another color that matches the fly.



Tie in a grizzly hackle feather on each side of the fly.



Option 1. If you have a matching color schlappen feather or another feather with long webby fibers, tie it in at the front.



Option 1. Wrap the feather{s} forward to just behind the eyes and tie off.



Option 2. If you do not have a long fiber feather, you can substitute craft fur. Tie in a small bunch of craft fur with the tips pointing forward. Because of the bead chain eyes, you may have to tie in a small bunch on the top and the bottom.



Option 2. Fold the fibers backward and spread out around the hook. Wrap the thread in front of the craft fur and behind the eyes. Whip finish and secure the thread.