



# **Mudbuddy Crayfish**

## *Step-by-Step Tying Instructions*

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# Material List:

*Hook - Daiichi Model 2451 (Size 4)*

*Thread - Rusty Brown UNI-Thread (6/0)*

*Feelers - Chocolate Brown Pheasant Tail Fibers*

*Mouth Parts - Pale Orange Antron Yarn*

*Weight - Heavy Metal Dumbbell Eye*

*Antenna – Two strands of Legs Alive (folded over the tying thread and tied in to form four antenna)*

*Underbody – Lead-free Wire (to add extra weight to the pattern)*

*Claws - 1/8" wide Rabbit Zonker Strip (Color of your choice)*

*Rear Body - Hairs Ear Dubbing (color of choice)*

*Legs - Tan colored Schlappen (fibers stripped from one side and palmer wrapped along the body)*

*Cephalon/Carapace - very thin tan leather cut into special crawfish shape (Color the leather with permanent marker if you want).*

*Eyes (optional) - Black Acrylic Craft Paint*



Mount tying thread then wind the thread to the bend of the hook and back to the front. This dresses the hook and will help prevent materials from sliding around on the hook later.



Tye on the pheasant tail fibers along hook shank. The fibers should extend one hook-length beyond the bend of the hook.



Tye in a piece of antron yarn along hook shank.  
Trim the yarn to half the length of the pheasant fibers.



Run the tip of your sissors through the yarn to unravel it. Next tie in a heavy metal dumbbell eye over the point of the hook.



Flip the hook over in the vice (or rotate the head of the vice) so that the point of the hook is facing up. The rest of the fly will be tied in this orientation (hook point up).



Wind the thread to the eye of the hook. Fold two strands of Legs Alive (or rubber legs) over the tying thread and wrap back to the bend of the hook, forming four antenna. Cover the tying thread with hares ear dubbing. Use a fairly heavy amount of dubbing.





Wrap the dubbing around the metal eyes and in between the bend of the hook and the metal eyes.



Wrap .020" lead-free wire around the hook shank to add some additional weigh to the pattern and taper the body.  
Do not wrap the area near the eye of the hook.



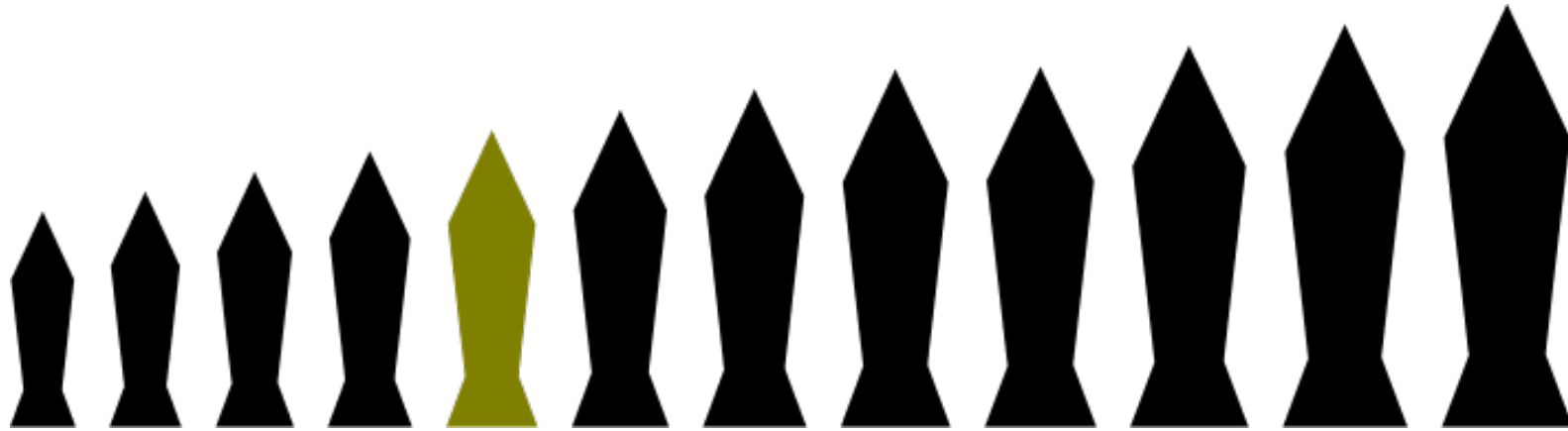
Prepare a schlappen feather by removing the fibers along one side of the feather. Tye in the schlappen feather by the tip.



Dub the half of the rear part of the body with hare's ear dubbing. The remainder of the body will be dubbed after the carapace is tied into place.



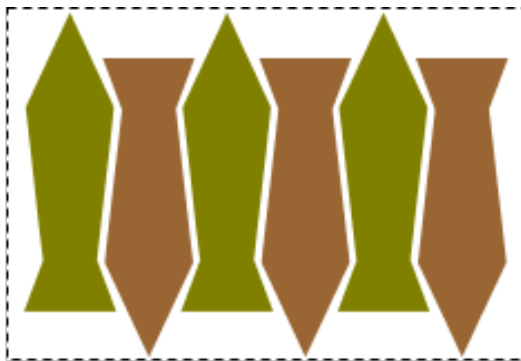
Palmer wrap the schlappen feather forward to the the tying thread and secure. Trim off the stem of the feather.



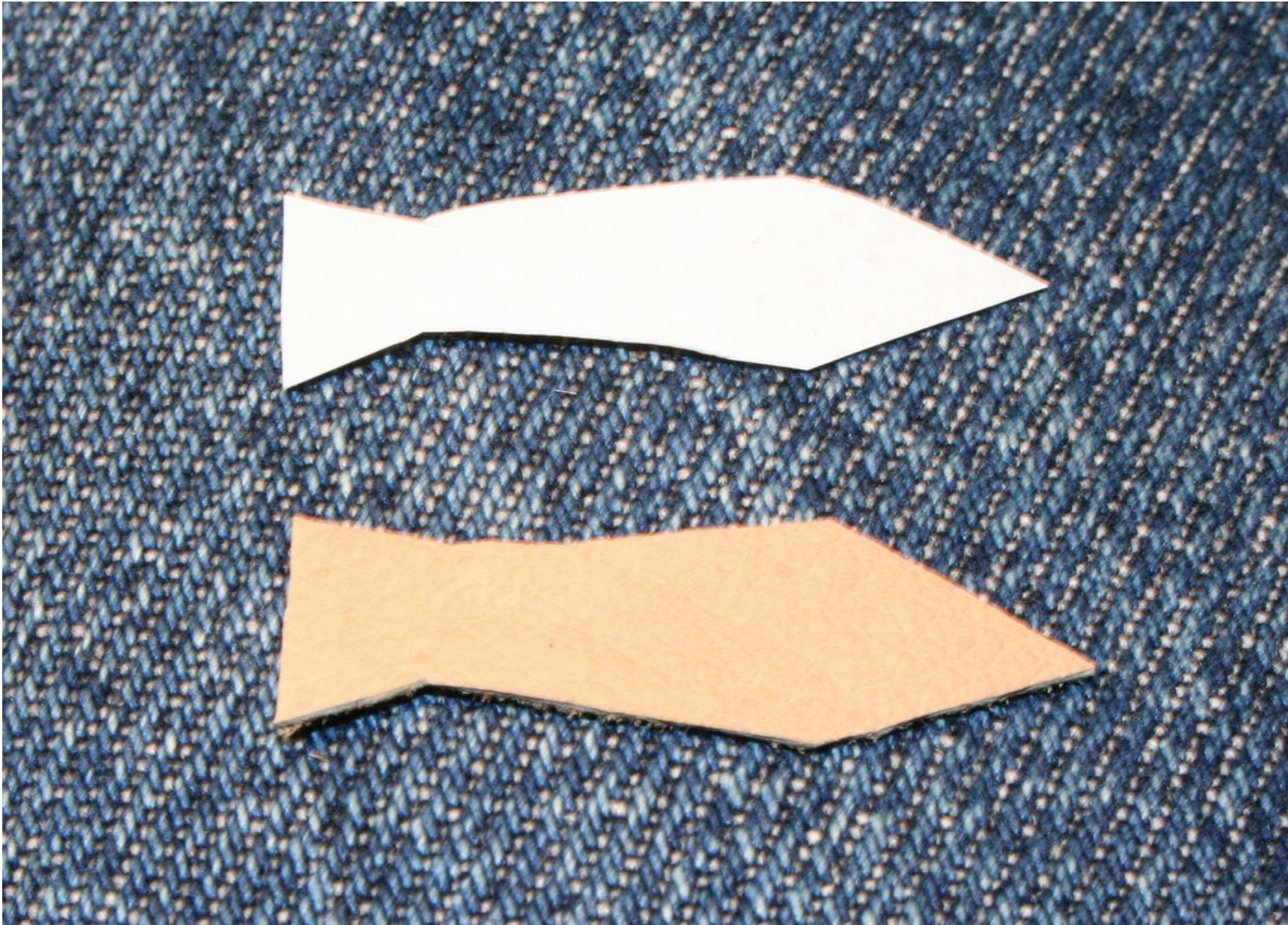
Templates of Various Sizes  
(the olive one is the  
original)

### **Mudbuddy Crawfish Body Template**

The diagram to the left illustrates how multiple bodies can effectively be cut from one piece of material. The body shape is create to allow the pieces to nest together to minimize material waste. This template can also be used to create shrimp bodies as well.



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Use a sharp pair of sissors to cut out a carapace from a thin piece of leather. The bottom piece is leather. The top piece is a paper template.



Take the hook out of the vice and pierce the point of the hook through the piece of leather at the widest section. Remount the hook and pull the leather into position and tie into place.





Fold back the tail and dub the remainder of the hook to get the desired body taper. Pull the leather tail into place and secure with the tying thread.



Whip finish and clip off the thread. Flip the fly over in the vice and brush the belly of the fly with velcro. You can now decorate the fly with a sharpie marker or painted eyes.

## *Finished Flies*

Mix and Match Color  
Combinations to Suit Your  
Tastes.



**Have  
Fun!**