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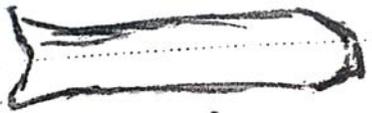


Breathing Crawdad by Steve Fritz (Part 2)

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Cut a strip of ultra suede.



Cut a small opening for the eye of the hook to pop through. Slip over point of the hook, slide round, pull to body, and tie back of the pincher as anchoring point. Segment body with thread and be careful so that you do not tie over the legs.

Pull the body over dumbbell eyes; pull the eye through the slit that was cut into the ultra suede. This way the tail can retract under the dumbbell eyes when craw is pulled. Use a permanent marker to rough up colors.



Male versus female craw and molting craw
Bass and Trout Prefer:

1. The Female Craw – smaller, shorter pinchers and body slimmer than that of the male.
2. Lighter shades; craws molt (loose shell and regrow larger shell as they grow. New shell is lighter shade than older previous shell.
3. Fish first attacks the pinchers; these must be securely set that they cannot be pulled off.
4. Craw imitations need to be fished on or close to the bottom.
5. Normally, a craw fished slowly, with frequent pauses, will attract most feeding fish.

What do you think? Let me know.

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Materials: (total materials for all crawdads that follows)

Hook: TMC5264 (4XL), TMC5263 (3XL), TMC3261 (2XL) (Steve prefers the 3XL)

Hook size: Trout 8 - 12 and Bass 6 - 3/0

Thread: 6/0 to match color tying

Weight: Dumbbells – small (11/64, 4.5mm, hook 8), x-small (5/32, 3.8mm, hook 10) and mini (1/8, 3.0mm, hook 12)

Legs: Marabou (the lower part of the feather)

Body: Hares mask dubbing to match color, and ultra suede (Per Steve, ultra suede is expensive and if anyone finds a good source at a reasonable price, let us know).

Feelers: small round rubber legs, squirrel tail, Krystal flash

Claws: Squirrel tail, or pine squirrel fur

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