

# the Black, Peacock & Coral Long-Tail Tadpole



The BPCLTT was devised as a 'crossover' pattern, when neither colour was the answer on a specific day, the resultant fly is one that when fished deep (a 22 - 25 foot leader) and slow, off a floating line will account for some very savage action.

Whereas the all-coral version will get takes but nothing finite, and the all-black just fails, this fly gets some grief from agitated trout!

It is a simple fly to make.

One comment I get is that the tail is too long.....whatever you do, don't

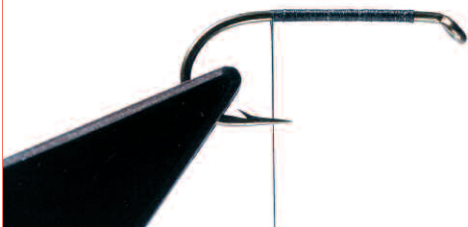
chop it, just do not react to knocks and snatches - let the fish make the commitment and hook itself. This is a lesson in self control which is at first not easy to master, but I've known trout to take as many as a dozen times before finally succumbing to their greed.

It is a wonderful pattern in summer - especially if there is a breeze on the surface, the hits can be quite positive.

Try an unleaded version for a change - but the leaded one is a remarkable success for the writer - without having the confusion of tying two editions!

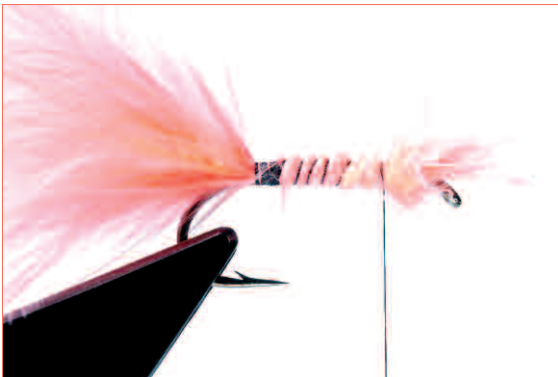


ACTUAL SIZE



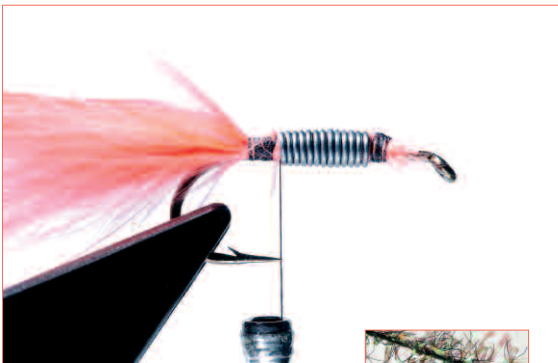
Secure a Kamasan B175 hook - size #10 or #12 into the vise.

Wax some black thread and set a solid base onto which the tying will lay.....



Select a bunch of coral dyed marabou - not too large - and fasten down firmly, trim the waste.

The tail should start from a point directly above the barb of the hook.



Tie in a short length of 0.37mm lead wire, and make several turns in the middle of the shank. Take care to leave room for a few turns of hackle at the eye!



The body material - a translucent pearlescent cactus chenille is now tied in.....at the tail end of the body.



....and is wrapped forward towards the eye .....



.....now select a full bodied black hen hackle, and wrap it for about four to six turns.

Tie off and clip away the waste.



Make a small head and finish in your preferred way.

Go fishing....!