



# FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

## FLY OF THE MONTH

### "Raccoon Shrimp"



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With fall and winter coming maybe it's time to find a warmer place to fish. Maybe the Gulf Coast or an Island in the Caribbean. So I figured why not tie a few shrimp patterns. I found a pattern from the Fly Dressers Guild located in the United Kingdom. I liked the way it looked and the use of a dubbing loop to create the legs and feelers plus how simple it was to tie. So I wanted to share this pattern with everyone who fly fish in the saltwater..

Tying directions are featured in Fall/Winter FFI FlyFisher Magazine

### Materials

Raccoon Saltwater Shrimp

Hook: Saltwater Size 2

Thread: Monocord 3/0 Tan

Beard/Feelers: Raccoon Fur and Grey Whiting Bird Fur

Rib: Clear Mono

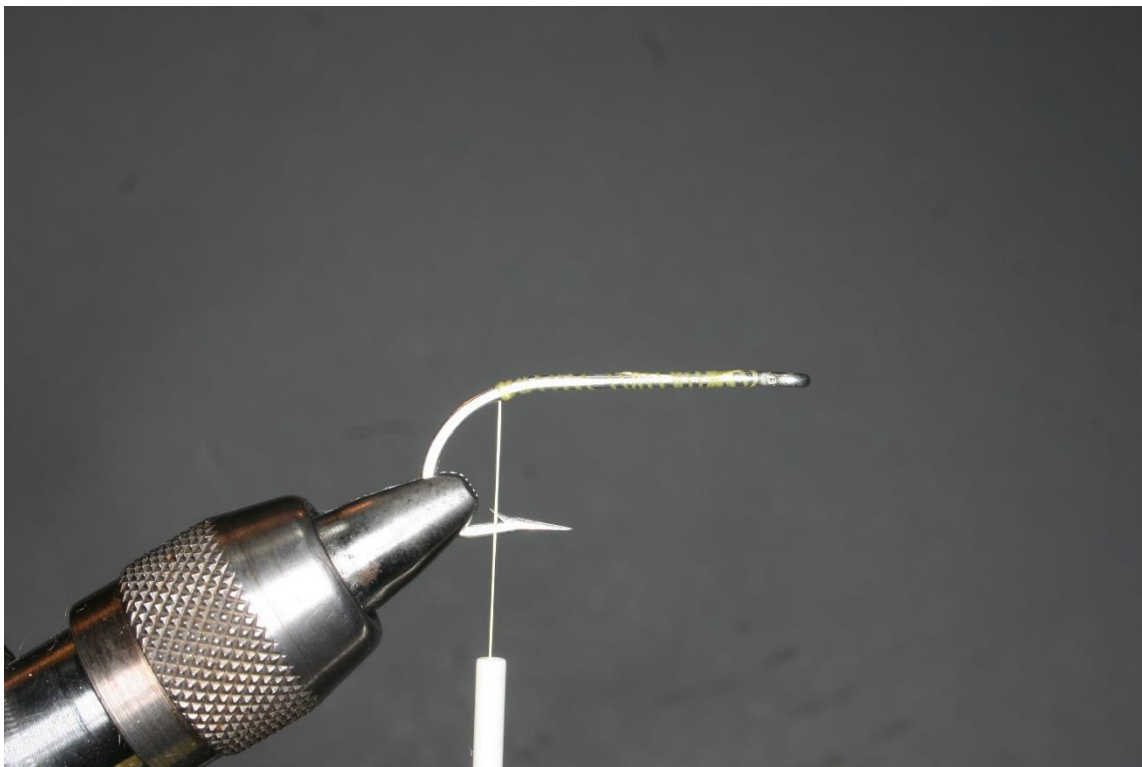
Eyes: 50lb mono melted and treated with UV Cured resin

Body: Raccoon Fur dubbing loop

Under body: 2 strips of lead free wire

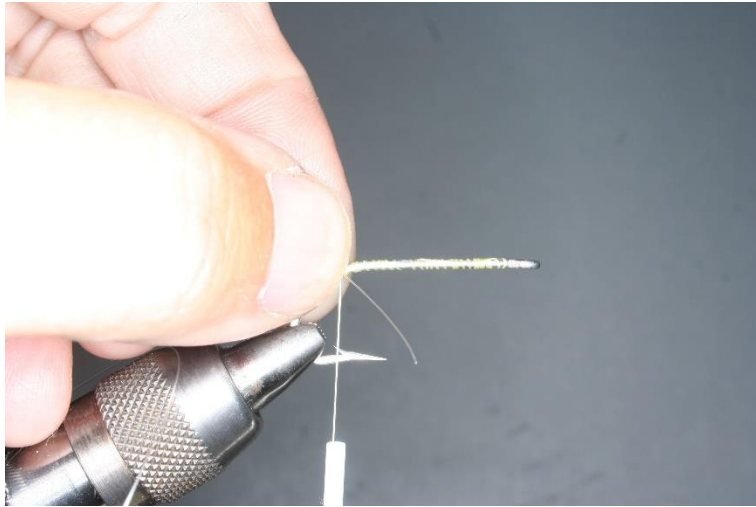
Shell-Back: Tan Thin Skin cut to shape

## Tying Steps



### **Step 1**

Cover the hook shank with your tying thread.



## Step 2

Tie in the monofilament at the bend of the hook.



### Step 3

Make a dubbing loop. Cut the raccoon fur from the hide and take a feather from the Bird Fur and insert them into the dubbing loop. This will be the beard and feelers for the shrimp.



#### Step 4

Spin the dubbing loop, and stroke all the fibers in one directions. Wrap the dubbing loop at the bend of the hook. Make sure you stroke the fibers towards the bend of the hook. The Bug Fur Feather will be the feelers and the raccoon fur will be the beard of the shrimp.



### Step 5

Take 2 pieces of 30 to 50 lb monofilament and hold the end to a lighter to create an eye. Then coat the melted ball with UV Resin. Tie the eyes on top side of the beard.



### Step 6

Tie in 2 strips of lead free wire on the bottom of the shank of the hook.



### Step 7

Make another dubbing loop, and cut raccoon fur and insert the fur into the loop. Make the loop long enough to make the body of the shrimp. The guard hairs of the raccoon will be the legs of the shrimp.





### Step 8

Once you twist the dubbing loop to form a brush, wrap the brush over the shank of the hook. Stroke the guard hairs downward and towards the bend of the hook.



### Step 9

Once you get to the eye of the hook, secure and cut the material.



### Step 10

Brush the fur downwards to form the legs of the shrimp.



### **Step 11**

Cut a strip of Thin Skin, I am using tan. This will be used for the shell back of the shrimp. Secure it at the eye of the hook.



### Step 12

Rib the shrimp with the monofilament, then tie it off at the eye.



### Step 13

Use your dubbing needle to free any fur trapped by the monofilament rib.



**Step 14**  
Whip finish.



### Step 15

Apply the UV Resin to the top of the shrimp to create the shell.





### Step 16

Use a UV lamp to set the UV Resin. This will harden in a few seconds.



**Step 17**

Finished Raccoon Shrimp.

Editors Notes: Comments from the editor.

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