Woven Stone Fly

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Hook: TMC 200R Size 2-8
Bead: Gold Tungsten
Thread: Black
Antenna: Silly Black Rubber Legs
Tail: Black Goose Biots
Abdomen: Black and Jewel Effect Needle Point Thread - Woven
Wing Case: Natural Brown Turkey Tail – Coated with Krylon Crystal Clear
Legs: Silly Black Rubber Legs
Thorax: Ice Dub Peacock Black

1) Slide the bead on to the hook, then line the shank of the hook with a thin layer of thread to build a base for the fly. End the thread just behind the hook point to tie in the tail.

2) Take two goose biots, stripe them from the hackle stem and separate them. Place the shiny sides of the biots together so they form a natural V away from each other. Tie in the tail, the tail should be about half the length of the hook shank.

3) In the center of the hook shank make 12-15 wraps of lead (size #1 or #2). Make sure to leave room by the tail so you can taper thread for the body. Also leave plenty of space for the thorax.

4) With your tying thread build an even taper from the base of the tail to the weight. This is what makes the silhouette of the fly so it is very important. Take your time and make sure the taper is smooth.
5) Tie in your two different colors of needle point thread. Make sure that both pieces are about 12 inches long as you will be weaving them. When you tie them in you need to tie them along the side of the shank, this makes the body wide and gives it the look of a stone fly. Make sure to tie them in the full length of the abdomen so you don’t mess up the taper that you built. Once done bring the back to the tie in point, make 3 half hitches and then cut your thread off.

6) Prepare to weave the body. Turn the vise towards you so you’re facing it head on. When weaving pull both pieces of material down and cross them like you’re tying a knot. Make sure you pay attention to which color crosses on top because you need to continue the pattern. Form a knot like your tying your shoe lace and slide material up to the shank of the hook. Split the knot sliding the black material over the top of the shank. Slide the rainbow material over on the bottom side of the hook shank. Slide both the materials back to the base back to the base of the tail and then tighten by pulling both ends forming the knot around the shank. Continue two thirds the way up the hook shank making sure to leave room for the thorax.

7) Once you’re done with your weave reattach your tying thread and pull one side of the needle point thread up for tie off. Then do the other side, this will help build mass for the thorax.
8) Tie in the rear legs (black silly rubber legs). One on each side.

9) Prepare Turkey for wing case. Pull out one turkey tail feather and coat each side with Krylon Crystal Clear finish. This will hold the turkey together giving you the desired look you want.

10) The thorax is made up of three sections. Take the rest of the hook shank and divide into three parts. This will make up your thorax. Each section will be dubbed and then a wing casing tied in.

11) Dub the first section (remember 1/3 of the remaining tying space). Space is critical here and trial and error will teach you a lot. This step may take you a few tries to get right but it is very important. Take your time.

12) Take your treated section of turkey and cut out a small section (about the width of the gap of the hook) at a 45 degree angle. You will fold this piece in half and cut again at a 45 degree angle creating a V in the material. Now tie the V in over the dubbed section. Repeat this step until you have three sections.

13) Tie in the antenna (crazy rubber legs), one on each side. Then add a small amount of dubbing to cover the head area. Whip finish being careful not to catch the antenna in the whip finish. Cut thread and go fishing.