

# Maple Syrup



## Recipe

Hook:	3 x – 4 x streamer hook size 6 or 8
Thread:	Black or tan 6/0
Tail:	Yellow calf tail or saddle hackle
Body:	Tan chenille

### Tying Instructions:

Start your thread at the head with a jam knot and wrap back down the shank to where the bend of the hook starts. At this point, tie in a small bunch of calf tail or saddle hackle using the pinch method. The length of the tail should be approximately equal to the gap of the hook. Secure with 3 or 4 tight wraps.

Wrap the thread using traveling wraps towards the eye stopping approximately 1/8” behind the eye. While wrapping the thread remember to maintain some tension on the thread. Traveling wraps is a way to quickly get the thread from one spot on the hook to another. The wraps have the same tension as other wraps but the wraps can be space out as you wrap (they do not have to be right beside one another).

Tie in a piece of tan chenille (5” long) using the pinch method and then secure with 3 or 4 tight wraps. Holding the chenille parallel to the hook shank and on your side of the hook, wind the thread using traveling wraps towards the bend trying to keep the chenille on the side or the top of the hook. After the thread has been wound to the original tie in point of the tail, wrap back towards the eye using traveling wraps to a point 1/8” behind the eye.

Apply a thin coat of head cement to the chenille. Then wrap the chenille around the shank in close, side by side wraps towards the eye of the hook. You should keep tension on the chenille as you wrap. Stop wrapping the chenille 1/8” behind the eye of the hook. Hold the end of the chenille in front of the eye at a point above the shank with your right hand. The chenille will come off the shank at approximately a 45 degree angle. With your left hand pass the bobbin over the shank three times in the same spot. This will secure the chenille. Clip the excess chenille. Secure the chenille with several wraps of thread (4 or 5). This will form a small head. Use 3 or 4 half hitches or a whip finish to finish the head. Clip the thread and place a small amount of head cement on the head.