

# Windknots

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## Fly of the Month:

### **Common Craw Carp Fly**

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The *Common Craw* is one buggy little carp fly developed by James Spicer. The *Common Craw* was designed for picky carp on the South Platte River in Denver. The *Common Craw* is a fairly heavy fly, this is why it works so well in the river. The *Common Craw* sinks quickly and stays on the bottom, right where the Carp want it! The *Common Craw* is made of supple materials, which allows it to move and breathe in the water. The *Common Craw* also works on trout! I initially developed the fly for carp, but Trout have a hard time resisting it as well! Give it a try!

### Materials:

**Hook:** Gamakatsu SL45, #4

**Thread:** Olive Veevus 6/0

**Weight:** .020 Lead Wire (optional)

**Eyes:** Dumbbell Lead Eyes, Red Medium Painted

**Tail:** Extra Select Marabou, 1 Plume Olive, 1 Plume Black

**Body:** Crawfish Orange, Natural, Black, or Red Zonker Pine Squirrel

**Thorax & Head:** Peacock Herl, 6-12 Strands

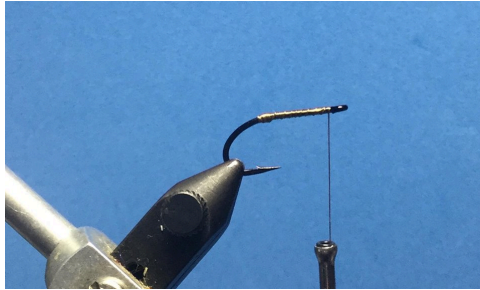
**Glue:** ZapAGap Brush On

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## **Fly of the Month** - *Continued:*

### **Step 1:**



Tie in thread and lay down a base wrap. Tie in Dumbbell eyes about 1 hook eye back using cross wraps. Wrap thread about half way back to the hooks bend, just in front the hook point.

### **Step 2:**



Tie in olive marabou tail, tips extending about 1-1½ times the hook shank length past the bend of the hook. Secure the marabou with cross wraps back to the eye. Cut off excess marabou.

### **Step 3:**



Take the black marabou and tie in, repeating Step 2, on top of the olive tail.

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## **Fly of the Month - Continued:**

### **Step 4:**



Pick 12-20 peacock herl fibers and trim the ends. Tie in the peacock, just behind the eye on top of the black marabou, pointing opposite from the hook eye.

### **Step 5:**



Tie in crawfish orange pine squirrel zonker so the hairs point rearward when wrapped. Palmer the zonker strip forward, using tight wraps and stroking the hairs rearward, up to the back of the dumbbell eyes. Secure in place with the thread. Trim excess fur. Take several more thread wraps and secure with a half hitch.

### **Step 6:**



Part the squirrel fur, along the center back line of the zonker wraps, extending the hair outward, perpendicular to the hook.

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### Step 7:



Take half of the peacock herl strands and extend them forward, over the middle of the dumbbell eyes. Secure the peacock with thread wraps behind the eyes. Advance the thread over the eyes and take a couple of wraps in front of the eyes.

### Step 8:



Take the peacock and make a single wrap around the hook, behind the eyes and then, cross wraps around and over the eyes. Take a single wrap in front of the eyes and, secure with a couple of thread wraps. Cut off excess peacock.

### Step 9:



Take the remaining peacock strands and lay it across the eyes. Secure the peacock with thread wraps, in front of the eyes. Wrap a head, covering the peacock fibers with thread, and secure with a couple of half hitches. Seal with head cement or, UV material. *Note:* To make a more durable fly, coat the peacock herl with a thin layer of ZapAGap.

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