



### Brett Kent's Brook Trout Strip Leech

Submitted by Steve Horgan

Hook : TMC 9395 size 2

Thread: 3/0 olive

Eyes: medium nickel/yellow-iris real eyes plus (Feather Craft) tied under shank about ¼ in. behind hook eye.

Tail: tie in large clump of fluorescent orange rabbit hair just forward of hook bend, then tie in two splayed pieces of medium white rubber legs trimmed to tail length  
Tie in large copper wire (used UNI-French from Feather Craft) just forward of tail.

Dub cahill-cream antron dubbing length of shank to within 1/8 in. of eyes.

Throat: tie in large clump of fluorescent orange rabbit hair over two splayed pieces of medium white rubber legs just behind eyes under the shank, legs trimmed to throat length.

Wing: tie down magnum olive variant zonker using copper wire, tying off just behind eyes with the wire (lightly wetting the zonker strip using your finger tips makes working with it easier).

Head: cut and place olive variant rabbit hair in a series of dubbing loops, forming a collar around the eyes (muddler style). Trim the head to a bullet muddler shape, and trim the "collar" underneath to fully expose the orange and white throat.

Comments: length of fly from hook eye to end of rabbit strip is 3 ¼ in.; this fly was used in Labrador rivers where 3-5 lb. brook trout were plentiful; a good choice in any water containing brook trout, this fly can be downsized to suit the size of the predators.

Species caught: brook trout, lake trout, landlocked atlantic salmon, and northern pike