

Max-Ex Hopper
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Hook: #4 or #6 Dry Fly Hook
Thread: 3/0 black
Tail: Crystal Flash (Red or Gold)
Body: Sparkle Braid or Tinsel Chenille (Chartreuse or Brown or Yellow)
Wing & Head: Deer Hair (White, or Black, or Natural)
Legs: Round Rubber (various colors)

Technique is everything in tying this fly:

1. Start tread as midpoint of the shaft and wrap back to leave room for the deer hair head and wing
2. Tie in 4 to 6 pieces of Crystal Flash - about 1/2 hook shank
3. Wrap Sparkle Braid to midpoint of shaft and tie off
4. Wrap thread base on balance of hook shank to keep hair from spinning. Select a pencil sized piece of deer hair and remove the fuzzy under hair. Tie in tips forward about 1 hook length beyond the eye; pull hair down to center shank in deer hair clump. Do 2 loose wraps pulling down to prevent spinning then to 3 or 4 more wraps to secure the clump. Cut butts 1/4" back from wraps. Pull tips back and up to form a bulb head and wing and do 6 to 8 wraps to secure wing..
5. Tie in 2 rubber legs on each side at wing wraps and whip finish.