



Brown trout



Cutthroat



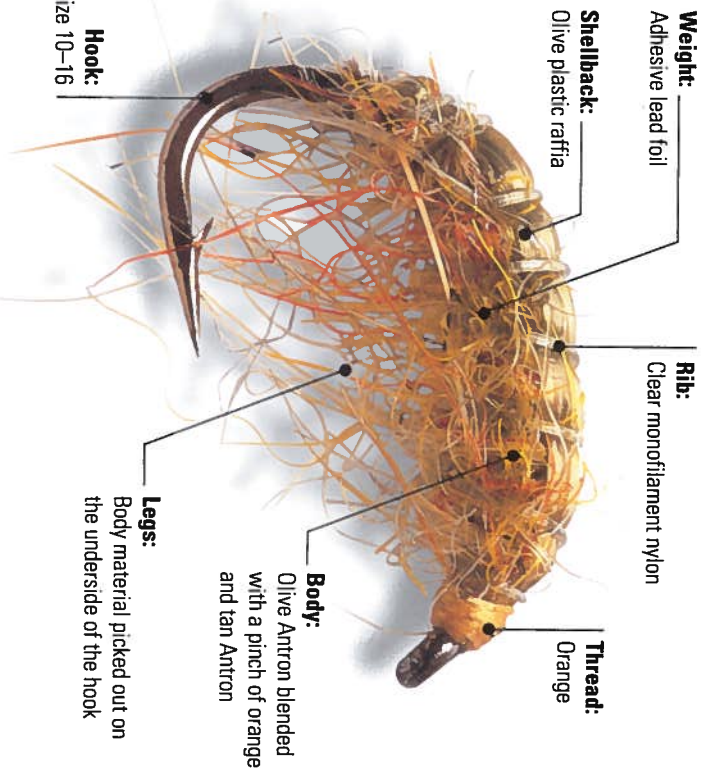
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# Scud

Scud, shrimp, call it what you will, this pattern imitates a small crustacean found in most rich lakes and rivers. Because of its curved, thickset shape, the Scud is a great pattern for packing full of lead, and by using wraps or layers of lead foil along the shank it can be tied very heavy. This allows it to be fished successfully in deep or fast-flowing water, where a lighter pattern simply wouldn't get down to the fish feeding on the bottom. Using a curved-shank shrimp hook, the Scud has a body of dubbed, blended fur over which a back of plastic raffia is stretched to provide a lifelike profile. To mimic the creature's legs, the fibers of fur under the hook are picked out with a dubbing needle.



**1** With the hook in the vise, fold a thin strip of adhesive lead foil over the shank. Using lead foil in this way will accentuate the humpbacked profile of the finished fly. Run the tying thread over the foil.



**3** Take a short length of olive plastic raffia, a product sometimes known as Swiss Straw, and split it in two lengthways. Catch the raffia in at the same point as the nylon monofilament.



**2** Cut away the excess foil and secure the end with tight thread wraps. Allow the foil to mold itself around the sides of the hook. At the end of the lead underbody, catch in 2 inches (5cm) of clear, monofilament nylon.



**4** Blend together olive Antron with a small pinch each of orange and tan Antron. Dub the blend thickly onto the tying thread, and wind it over the lead foil and right up to the eye.



**5** Wet the raffia slightly, which will help it to stretch, and pull it over the top of the body. Secure the loose end in place just behind the eye.



**6** Wind the nylon monofilament in open, evenly spaced turns, up to the eye. Secure with tying thread and remove the excess monofilament and raffia. Cast off with a whip finish before teasing out the fur with a dubbing needle to form the legs.

