



Scud nymph

A 'scud' is a general name for a small crustacea, including hoppers and shrimps. It also refers to the stretchy flat elastic rubber the pattern is tied with. A scud pattern is often tied in sizes 10-14 on a curved grub hook. They can be tied weighted or unweighted.

- Start your thread an eye length behind the eye. Create a thread base well into the curve of the hook.
- Tie in the monofilament at the rear, ideally 3-5kg line, then bring your thread forward, capturing the monofilament as you wind forward. Stop when you are about a third of the hook length back from the eye.
- Cut a triangle at the end of a piece of scud. Tie in the point of the triangle on the top of the hook and wrap rearwards, stretching the scud while doing so, stopping where you finished thread wraps earlier.
- Using a dubbing of your colour choice make a dubbing noodle and wind forward, creating a taper to the fly. Stop about 1 ½ eye lengths behind the eye.
- Bring the scud over, stretching it towards the front and tie it off immediately in front of the dubbing but don't cut the scud yet.
- Wind the monofilament forward making even wraps to create segmentation. Forward of the tie off point of the scud, tie off the monofilament.
- Create a small dubbing noodle of a darker colour, and wind to form a head to the scud, making sure you build up plenty at the back of the head.
- Bring the remainder of the scud over and tie off immediately behind the eye. Finish the head with a whip finish and apply head cement.
- With a small piece of Velcro brush the dubbing downward to create the impression of many legs.

Marvel at your creation for a moment, then tie another one.