



### Battle Bunny

Hook: 2XL or 3XL, size 6-10

Thread: Danville Plus, white

Lead: .030

Tail: White Marabou or Rabbit Fur

Body: Chenille, Shell Pink

Body Hackle: White saddle

Collar Hackle: Orange saddle

Back: Rabbit strip, Ginger

Notes: This pattern is a very effective variation of the popular Battle Creek Special. (FOM April 1998)

Whereas the Battle Creek Special is suggestive of an egg cluster, the Battle Bunny is more imitative of flesh with the ginger back. Both patterns can be producers in the fall when the salmon are laying eggs, being caught, filleted, and carcasses tossed back into the river.



1) Wrap lead around the hook shank from just above the point to a bit behind the eye. You'll be tying off several materials at the front so leave adequate room. Bind down with thread.



2) Tie in the tail material. Use a full marabou plume for larger patterns, or a bunch of rabbit fur (cut from the hide) on smaller flies. Tie in the chenille and the saddle hackle, by its tip.



3) Tie in the rabbit strip, fur down, on top of the hook. The hairs should be aligned to the rear of the fly. Bring your thread forward, just off the lead.



4) Wrap the chenille forward and tie off just as it comes off the lead underbody. clip the excess material. Palmer the body hackle forward, tying off just off the chenille.



5) Prep an orange hackle by cleaning the base fuzz and cutting the tip half off. Tie in by the tip directly in front of the chenille and wrap 4-5 turns forward. Tie off and clip.



6) Bring the rabbit strip over the top and tie off just behind the eye. Remember to separate the hair from the hide at the tie in spot.



7) Cut the rabbit strip close and use several firm wraps to build a smooth head. Half-hitch and whip finish.