

# WindKnots

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## Fly of the Month:

**Redfish Merlot**  
**Originated by Layne Smith**  
**Tied By Chris Summers**



## Materials:

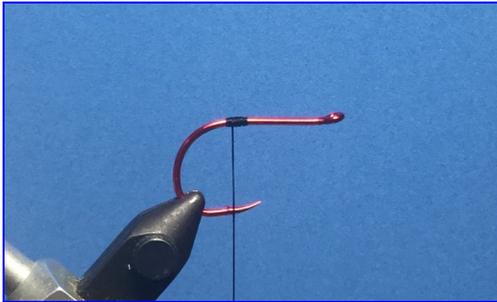
- Hook:** Owner Mosquito 1/0 or 2/0
- Thread:** Flat Waxed Nylon, Black
- Eyes:** Bead Chain, Black, Medium
- Tail:** Marabou, Olive Green
- Flash:** Krystal Flash, Gold, copper, rainbow
- Tail 2:** Saddle Hackles, Black
- Flash 2:** Gold Holographic Flash-A-Bou
- Body:** 1/8" Cross Cut Rabbit Strip, Rust or Chinchilla

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### **Step 1:**



Tie in thread above the hook point, wind back to the barb and then, back to the hook eye.

### **Step 2:**



Tie in Bead Chain Eyes, about 1/8 inch behind eye, and secure with cross wraps.

### **Step 3:**



Wind thread back to hook barb. Tie in a marabou tail, about 1 hook shank length. Take a couple of wraps around the base of the tail to prop it up. Pull the marabou back towards the eyes, on the top of the hook shank and secure it with thread wraps to the eyes. Cut off excess behind the eyes.

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### **Step 4:**



Take a couple of strands of K-Flash and fold them over in  $\frac{1}{4}$ 's. Wrap the K-flash around the thread and lay it on top of the body and, tie it in so the flash extends down either side of the tail.

### **Step 5:**



Match 4 saddle hackles and cut to a length where they tips extend just past the marabou tail. Tie in 1 pair, flared out ward, on each side of the marabou tail.

### **Step 6:**



Take a couple of strands of Holographic Flash-A-Bou and fold them over. Wrap the Flash-A-Bou around the thread and lay it on top of the body, just above the hook point, and tie it in so the flash extends down either side of the tail.

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### **Step 7:**



Tie in the cross cut rabbit strip just ahead of the tail and palmer it forward, overlapping each wrap and stroking the hair backward to the eyes. Tie off the rabbit strip, overwrapping some of the hair with the thread. Take a couple of cross wraps over the bead chain eyes and finish the wraps between the bead chain and the hook eye. Secure with a whip finish.

### **Step 8:**



Coat thread wraps with head cement or super glue. If you'd like, put a layer of UV material over the thread wraps and cure.