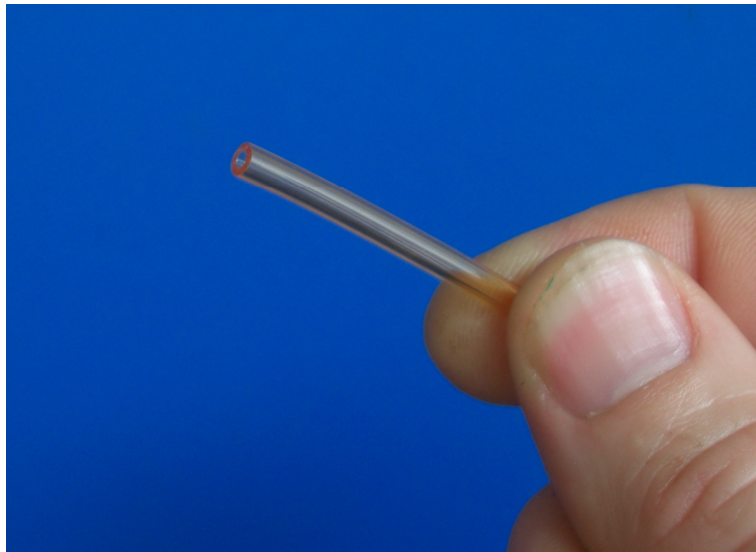


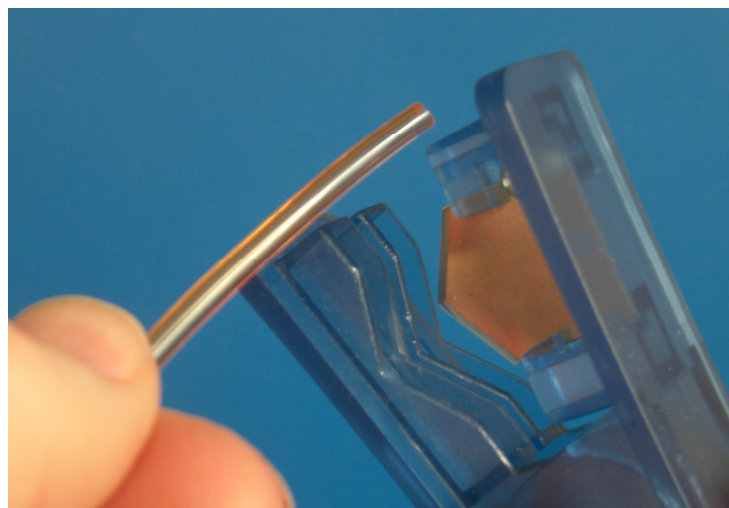


The Orange Blossom

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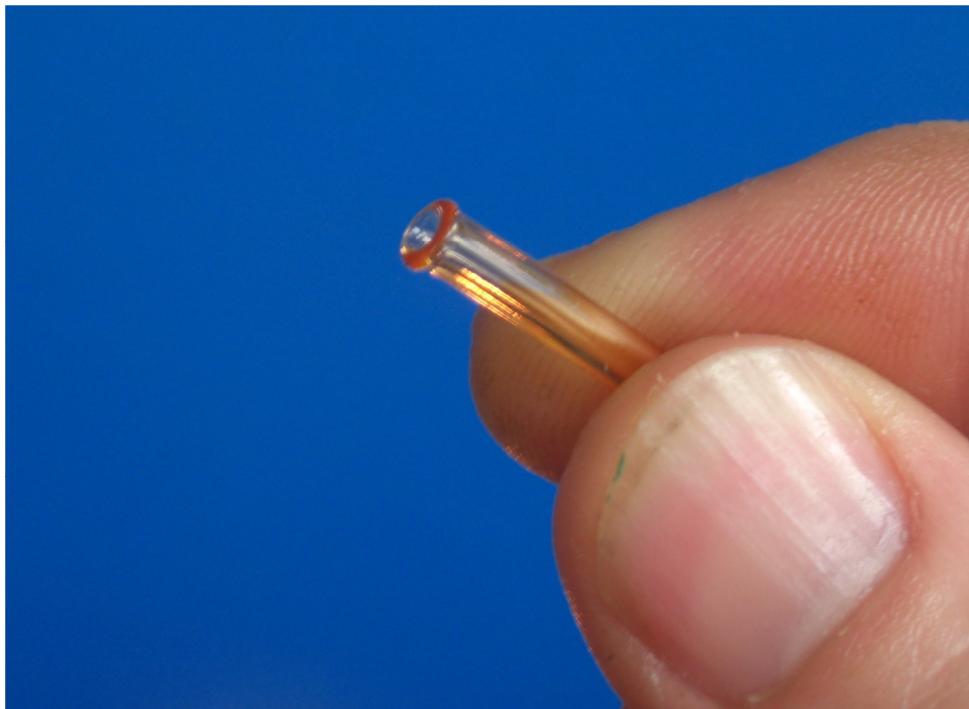
You will need a section of transparent orange Flex Tube.



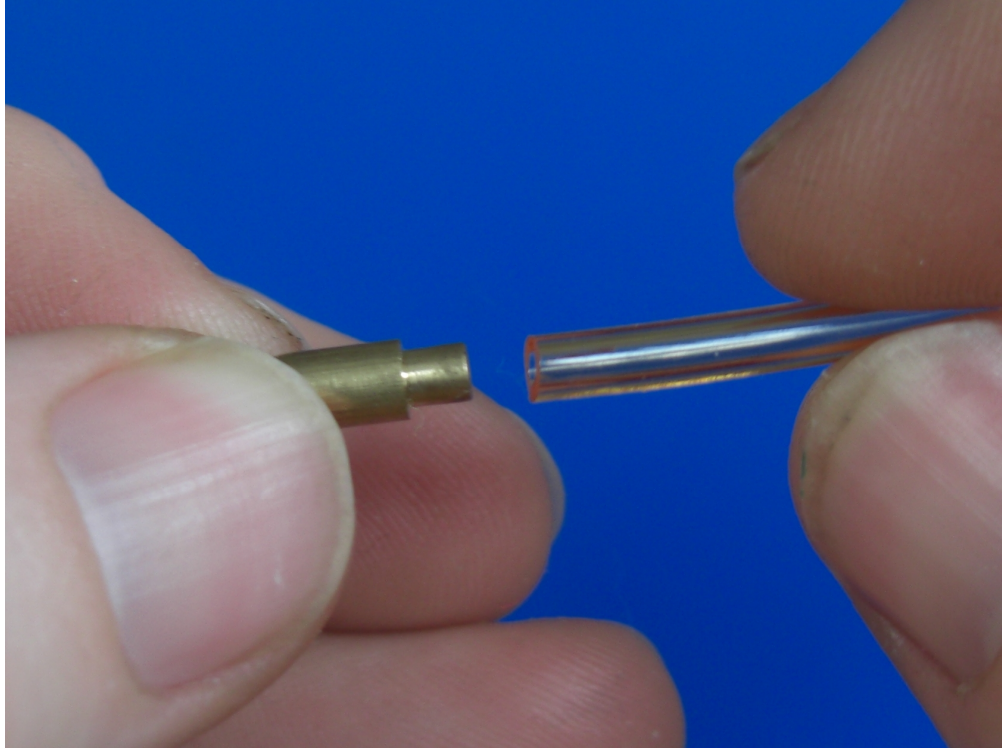
Cut a length of about 1-1.5 inches.



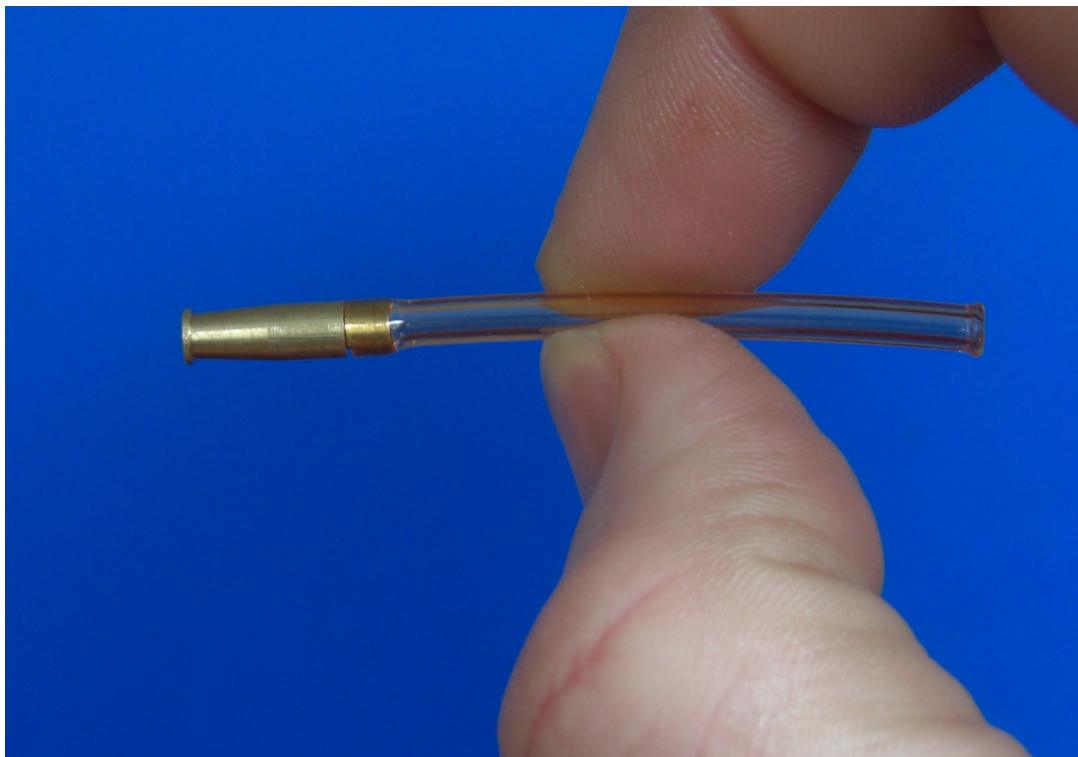
Pinch the FLEXTUBE between your thumb and index finger and slowly twist it next to (not directly in) an open flame.

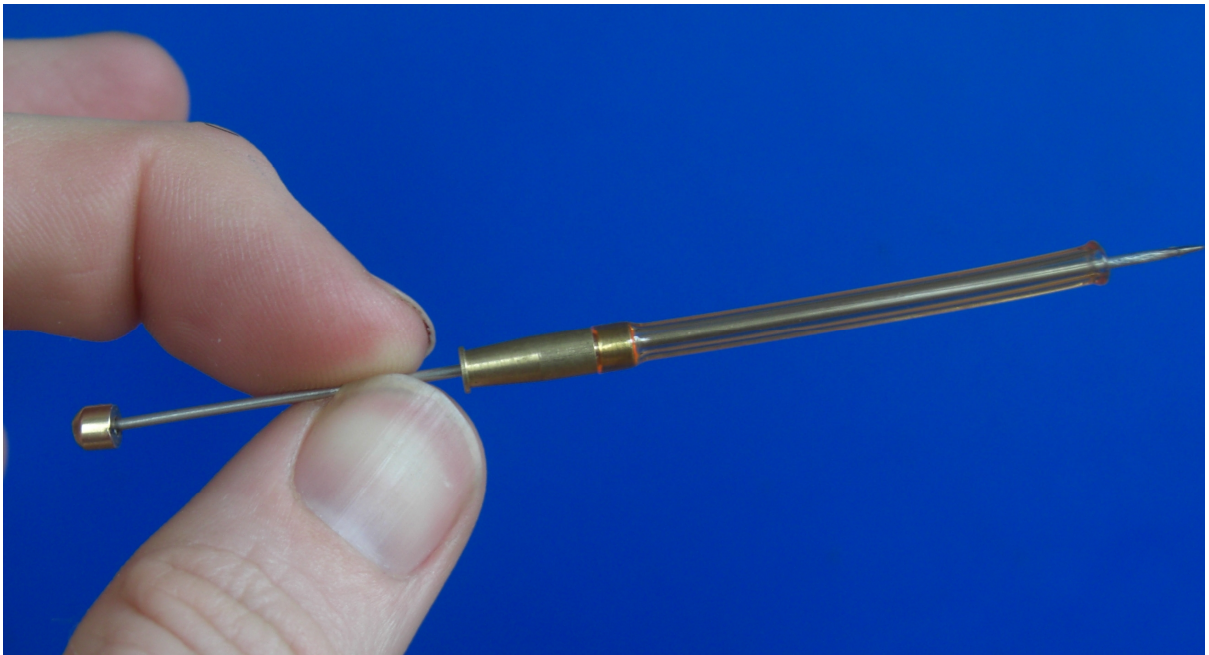
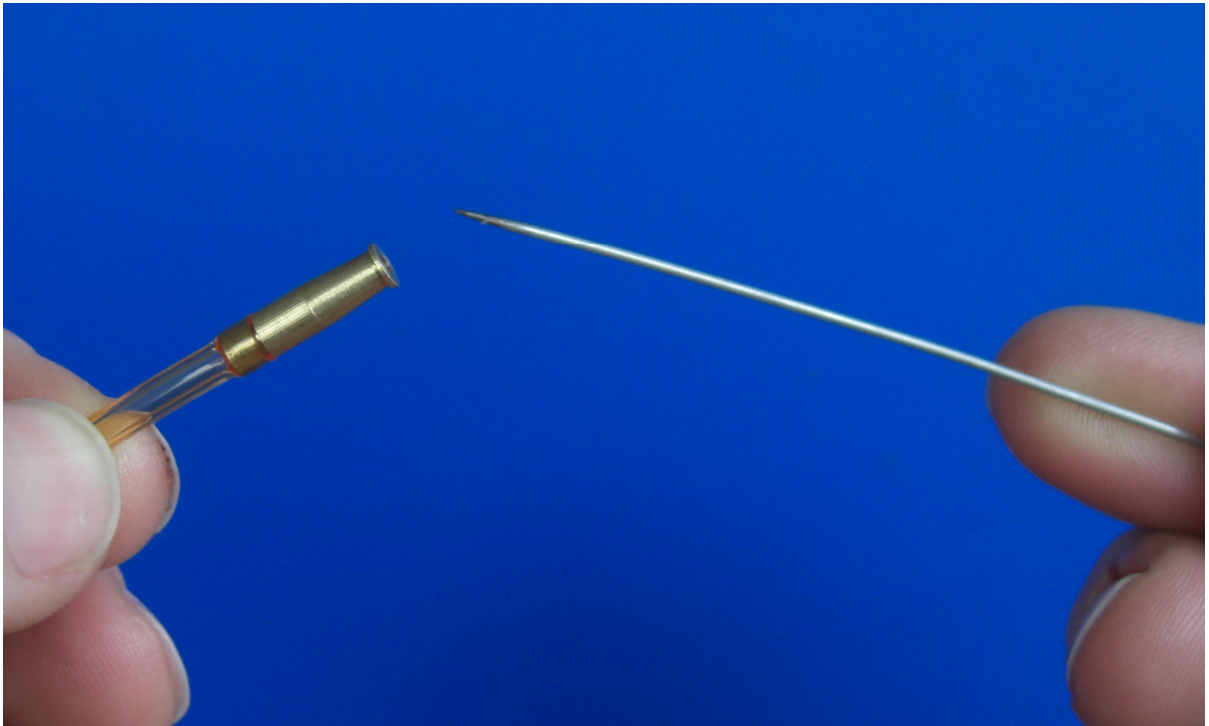


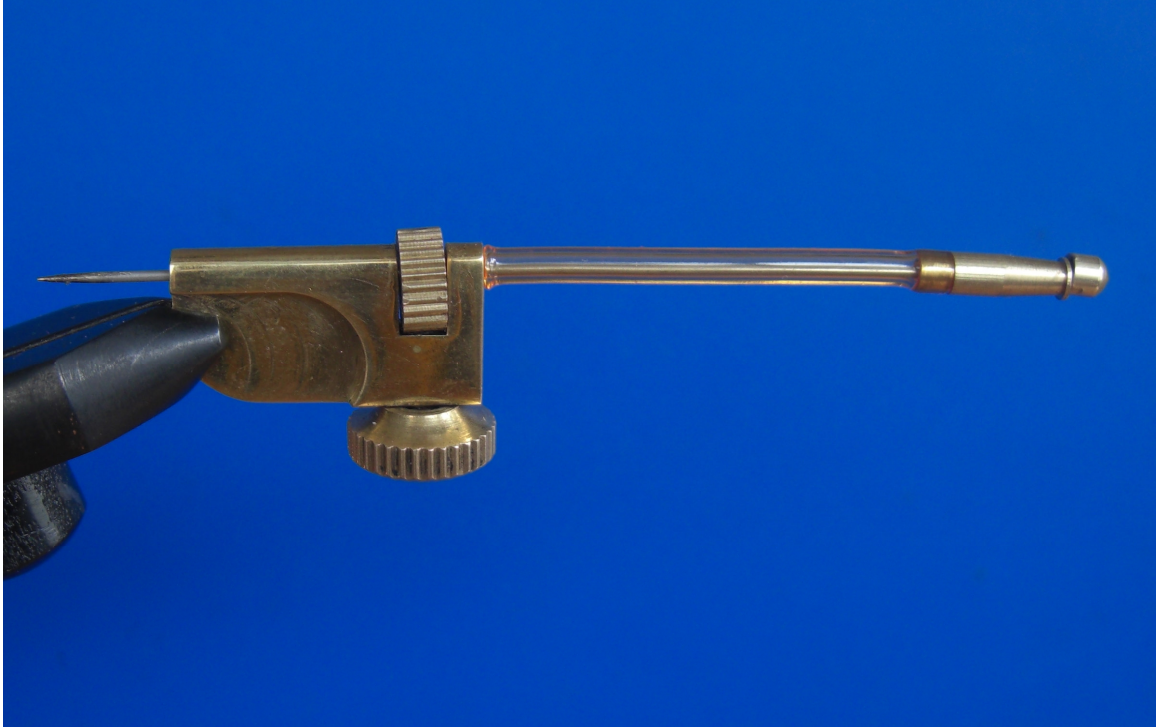
A nice lip will be the result on the back end. Be sure not to melt too much or the lip will become too big.



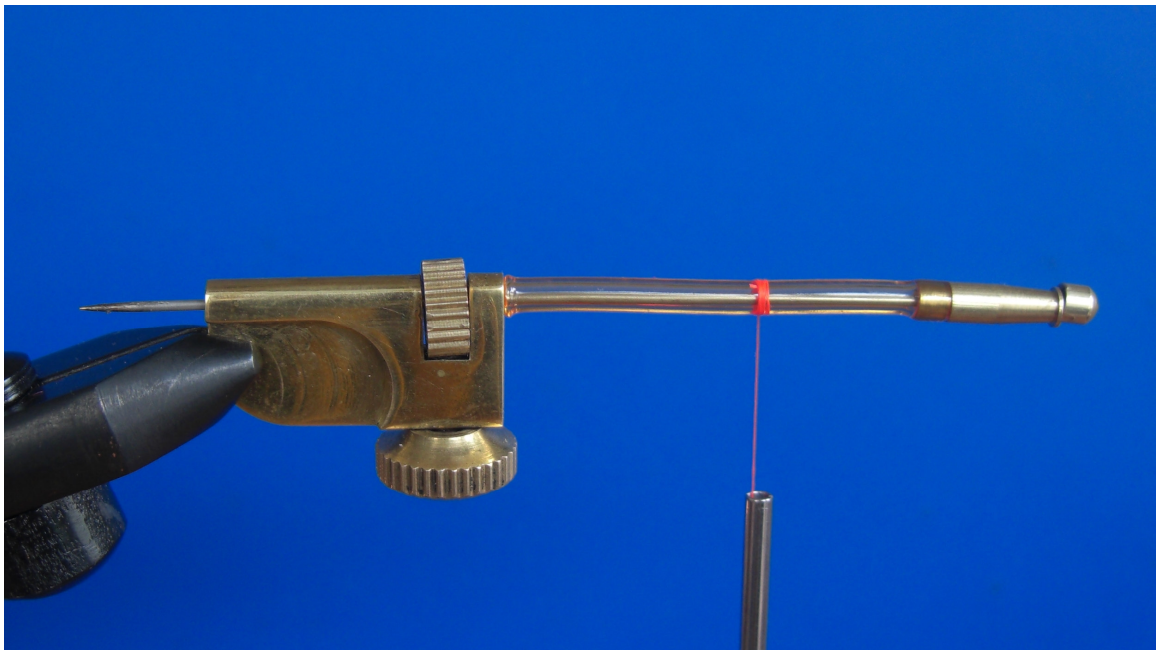
Insert a Bottle Tube into the un melted end of the Flex Tube. This step may take a bit of wiggling. Sometimes I will even rub the back end of the bottle tube on the side of my nose to get a thin film of oil on it (an old fly fisherman taught me that trick) and then twist the Bottle onto the Flex Tube. The best part is that because it's tight, there is no need for glue or Zap A Gap.

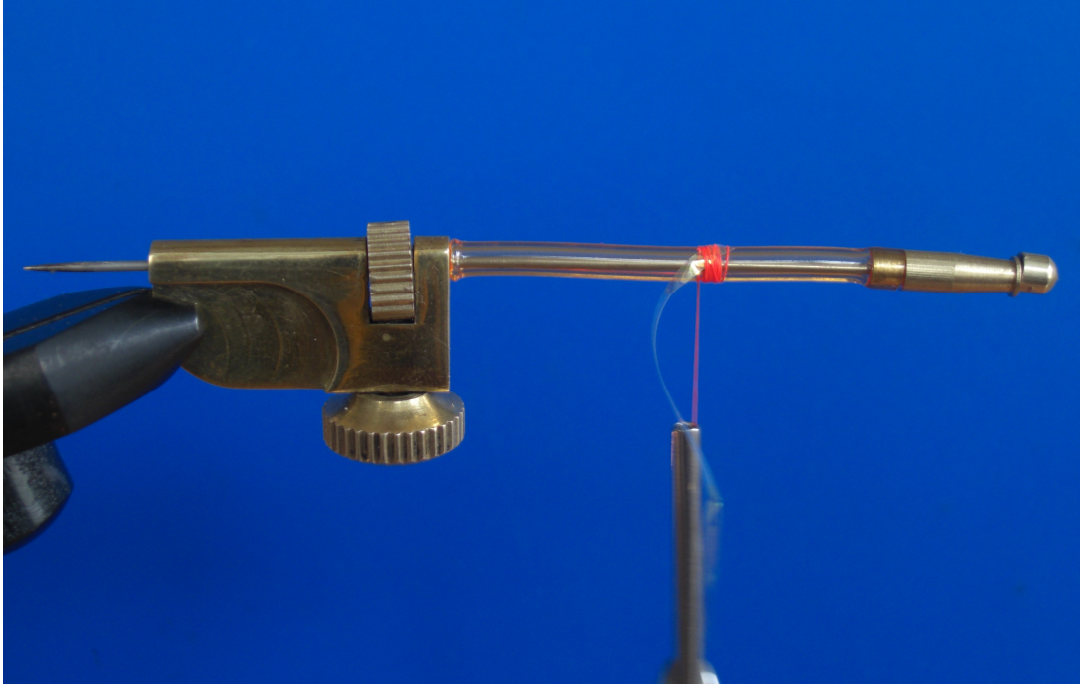




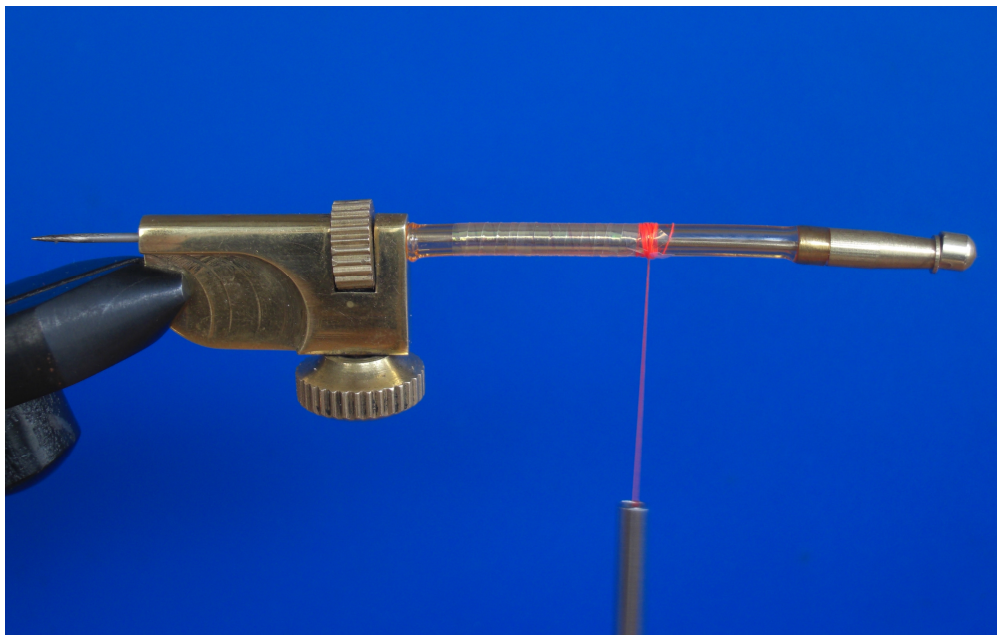


You now have one complete tube with a burnt lip on the rear, the back 2/3 is Flex Tube, and the front 1/3 is a bottle tube. Insert your mandrel and tighten into place on your vise adapter. It is **IMPORTANT** that you use your **SMALLEST DIAMATER MANDREL** for Flex Tube. It does compress slightly when tied on and if your mandrel is too tight, you will not get your tube off.

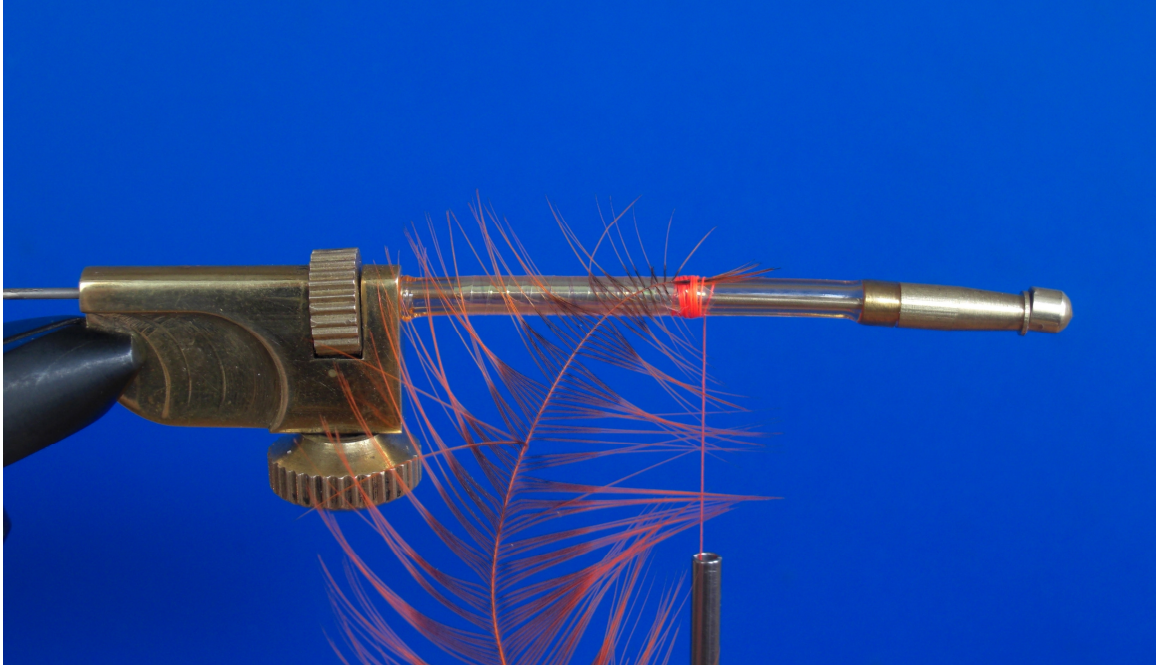




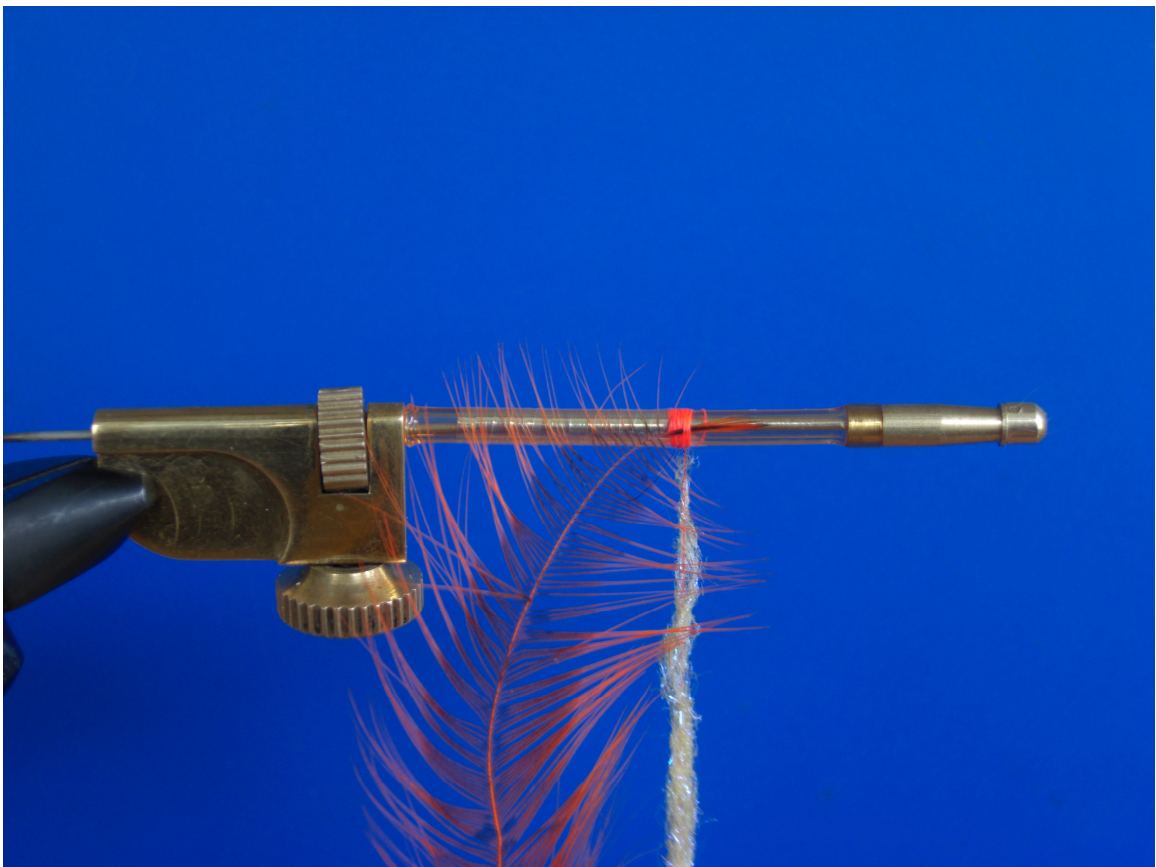
Tie on your 6/0 orange thread approximately half way up your complete tube. Tie in a 30 cm piece of pearl mylar tinsel.



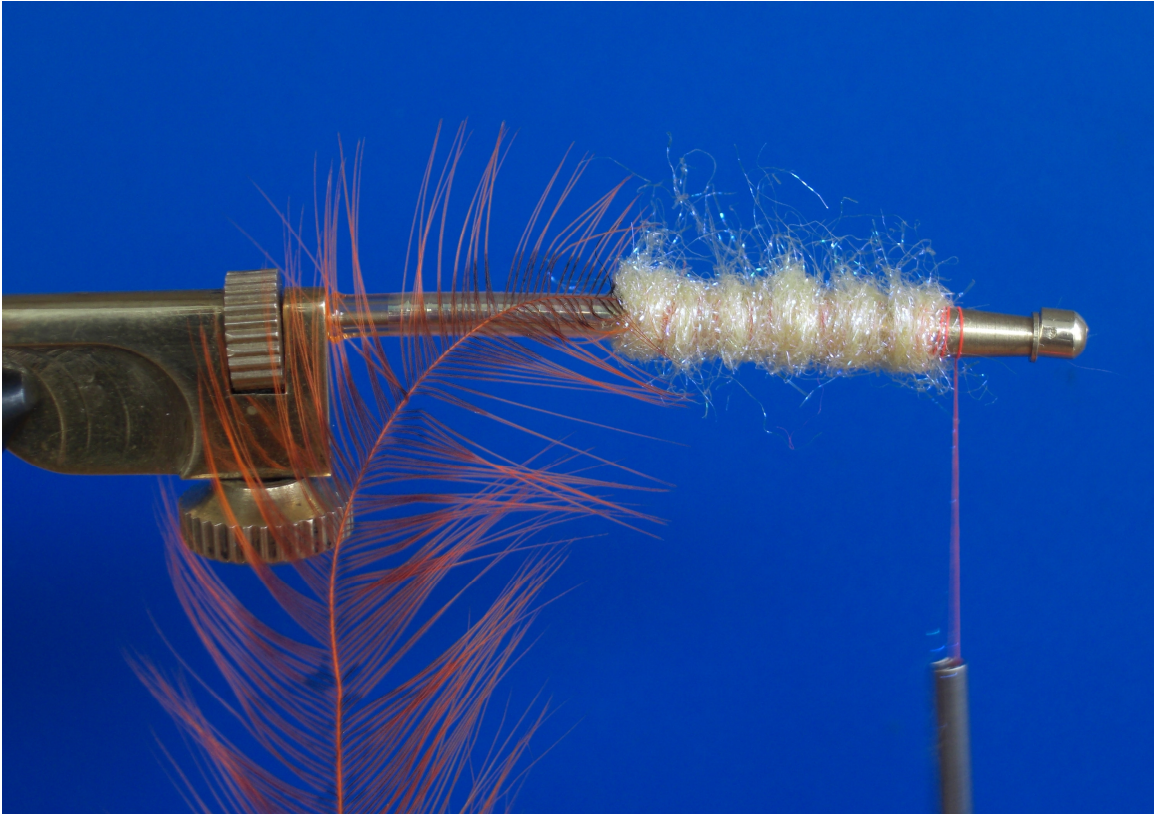
Wind your tinsel back down the tube. Stop your wraps approximately 1/8 "from the rear of the tube. Now switch directions and wrap forward over your first layer of tinsel. Tie off at the same place where you tied on.



Tie in a long, dyed orange, furnace feather. Tie it in tip first.



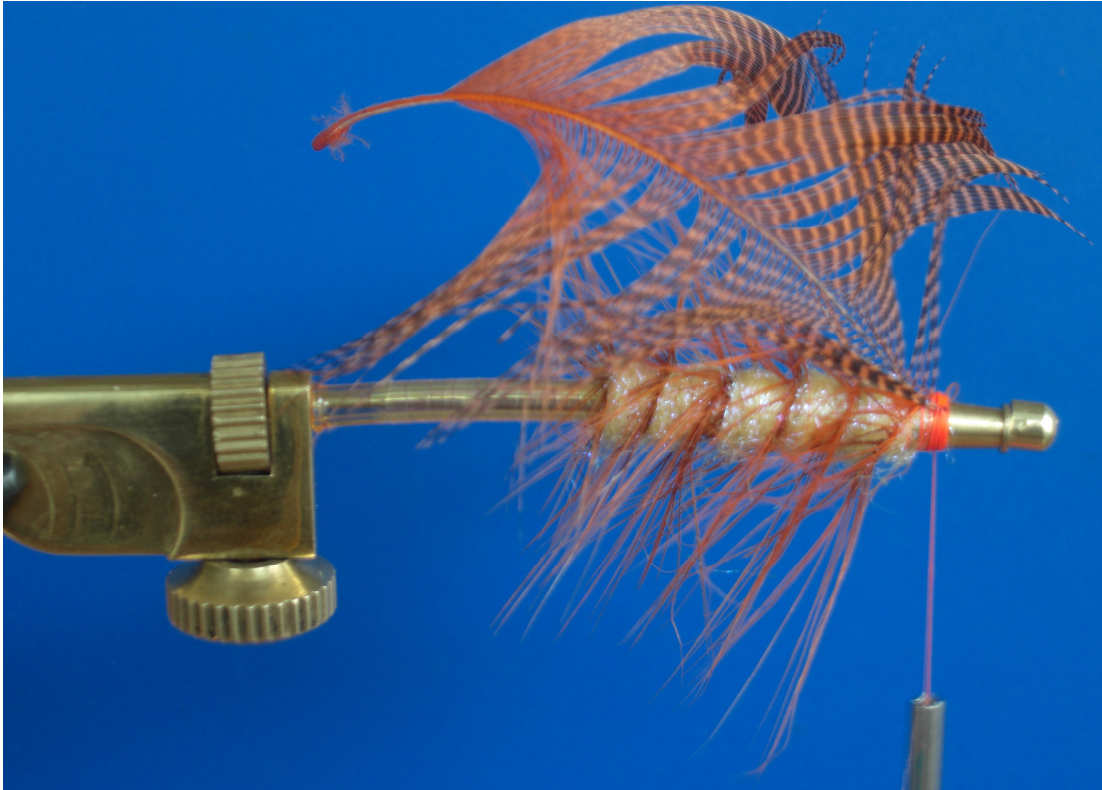
Dub a nice long section of beige diamond dub.



Wrap your dubbing leaving about ¼ “ at the front of the tube.



Wrap your cock feather. You may also want to counter wrap some fine silver wire for extra durability.



Tie in a long, well marked, orange, teal feather. Be sure to strip away all “down” fibers from the bottom and tie it in tip first.



Spin the teal feather and tie back the fibers.



Tie in a small bunch of Yellow Icelandic Sheep fibers. They should be just a little bit longer than the complete tube. Make sure you pick out any lose fibers before you tie it in. This will give the wing a nice tapered look.



Tie in a few stands of pearlescent Flashabou.



Tie in a small bunch of Green Icelandic Sheep fibers. They should be just a little bit longer than the Chartreuse fibers. Again, make sure you pick out any loose fibers before you tie it in. This will give the wing a nice tapered look.



Tie in a few more stands of orange Flashabou.



Add in your Jungle Cock cheeks.



You are done.....now try some more
Flex Tube Patterns!

