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"Tan or olive bugger." I have to agree with that!

Years ago, I tested several crayfish soft plastic lures. The realistic ones (the ones that looked exactly like a crayfish with pinchers and legs) didn't do nearly as well as a simple tube bait. I had to cut the pinchers off to catch smallies!! LOL

I've tried several different hackles and several different rubber legs and found the best action with the best results are with no hackle at all.

Soft hackle seems to work OK, but not when I Palmer it, I just put a small amount on the head of the bugger. IMHO simple is better. I test a lot of woolybuggers in the water and I must say that a good quality marabou is the most important thing.

A good thick marabou tail with properly tied on dubbing makes a killer crawdad!

Also, it's really a fall rate with a thin tippet that makes the bugger look alive. I found tungsten eyes to be the best. Heavy with little volume. I tie lots of different weights for different applications.

Finally, I still think that the woolybugger is the best fly to use on a flyrod. All freshwater fish seem to grab it with gusto.