

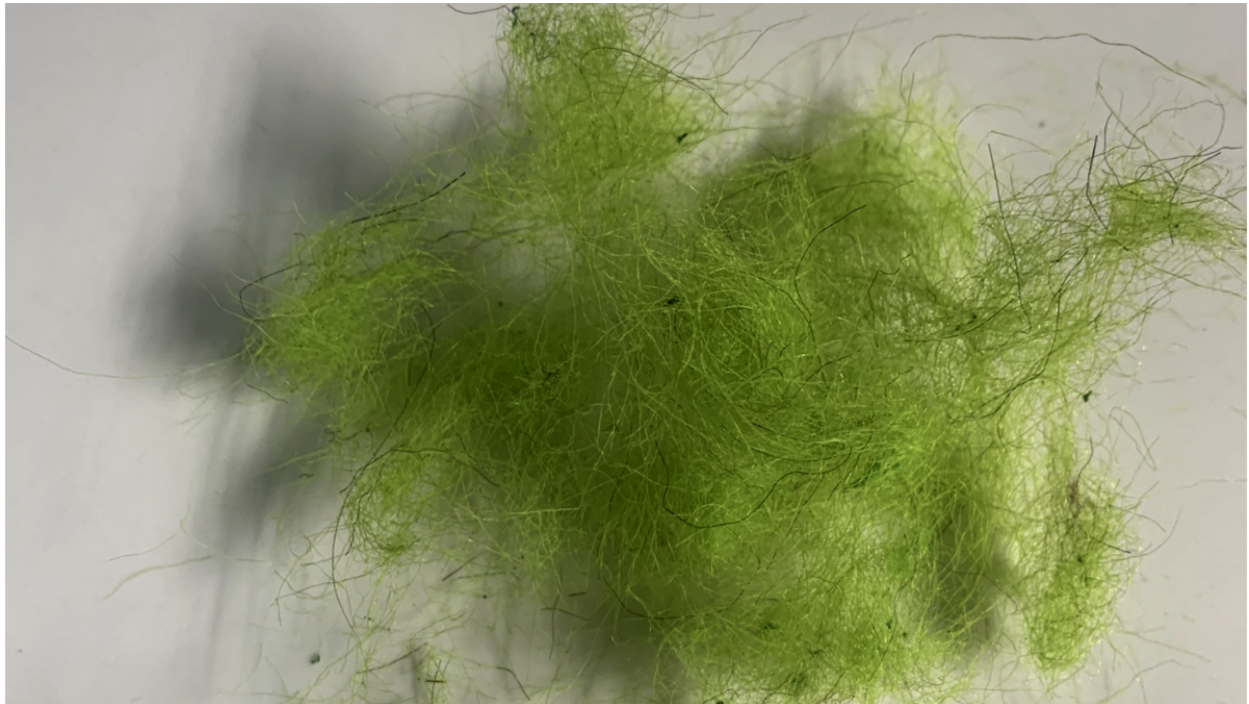
Making you own/custom Dubbing
Low Cost Alternative
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Recently I was trying to purchase a particular color of dubbing. I had the color code and not one of the local shops had the color I wanted. I finally located the material and when it arrived, the color was not a match. It was sort of close but it was much darker than my original sample. So, I had to lighten it up. Once I started the process, I decided to make a lifetime supply and do it myself.

Since it was time to write an article for the newsletter, I thought this might be an article for our low cost alternative section. What really tilted the scale when I saw an example of custom dubbing by Alex Belonga on one of the different forums I subscribe to. The stuff was awesome to say the least.

The process employed is quite simple and require very little practice to master. The tool requirements are minimal. A couple of pet hair brushes (with the thin metal pins) and/or a small inexpensive coffee bean grinder) The examples in this article utilized the following process:

- Cut up your underfur to desired length (•add your flash fibers
- Mix the fibers using your hands, small blender or a pet brush
- After Mixing cut the fibers again
- Mix the fibers once more, stop mixing when you have a uniform consistency of color and texture.



Green Snowrunner Underfur

Green snowrunner underfur is being used here. (you can get literally tons of this stuff from a couple patches!) Though snowrunner underfur was used here, one can use a host of other materials such as Finn Raccoon, polar bear, Temple Dog, etc. etc.



Added a little flash material such as Angelina fibers from Etsy or starburst fibers from Fly Tyers Dungeon. Or, some of the various different flash type dubbing from a whole host of various suppliers. (personal preference will be the driving factor here). You do not need to add much. Start out adding a little at a time until you get the desired results.



Finish product

A few example of other dubbing material created using snowrunner underfur and Angelina fibers.



Hot aqua



Hot Phatagorva

The YouTube videos listed below will do a far superior job of explaining how to blend your dubbing material than I could possibly put on paper. They also have numerous hints and suggestions which will accelerate you the learning curve.

Using a coffee grinder

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1j3Wyso9Nu8>

DYI Laser Dub

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=paQSyTxRyTI&t=0s>

Making dubbing from acrylic wool using pet brushes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTytvz-9FAc>

DIY Dubbing -Fox Squirrel, Raccoon, Synthetic very good video explaining some of the things to think about

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_vp9bO0sSg

****Final Note: All the pictures in this article were taken by Alex Belonga**