

OSPREY FLY BOX

CAREY SPECIAL

contributed by

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“Monkey-Faced Louise” or “The Dredge”

It was a late afternoon in September on a favorite lake and I had tried most every fly in my box. I didn't even know the name of the fly I tied on next. I had bought it because it looked interesting.

I trolled it on a six weight slime line and it didn't take long and I was into a fish. An otherwise non-productive day finished with three to the net.

I learned something that day. If a fly is not working for you, change it and/or change the way you present it.

The Carey Special is a product of Colonel Carey originally tied about 1925. A quote from, *The Gilly*, states the, "Dr. Lloyd Day of Kelowna found a ground hog on his fishing trip and asked Colonel Carey to tie a fly from the hairs".

Today it has many body colours and is usually tied with pheasant rump.

“The Colonel produced a number of patterns, but the Carey Special proved the Colonel's most successful. Now it is used all over the province and elsewhere in sizes 2 to 12 in a variety of body colours: green, yellow, olive, black and red.”

Quotation from, “Fly Patterns of British Columbia by Art Lingren.



MATERIALS



- Hook:** Wet Fly - 2XL or 3XL
Size: #4 to #12
- Thread:** Black 6/0
- Tail:** **Original:** Ground Hog or equivalent
Today: None
- Body:** **Original:** Ground Hog or equivalent
Today: Peacock Herl or Wool
- Rib:** **Original:** Black Silk
Today: Black Floss
- Collar:** Ringneck Pheasant Rump Feather.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

Photography by Peter Chatt



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THE ORIGINAL CAREY SPECIAL

- Debarb the hook.
- Wrap a thread base on the hook.
- Tie in a small bunch Ground Hog Hairs for the tail.
- Tie in a strand of black silk for the rib.
- Dub a ground hog body.
- Wrap the black silk ribbing forward and clip.
- Stroke fibres back on a Ringneck Pheasant Rump feather and tie in by the tip.
- Make several wraps and tie off.
- Make small thread head.
- Whipfinish and add a drop of head cement.

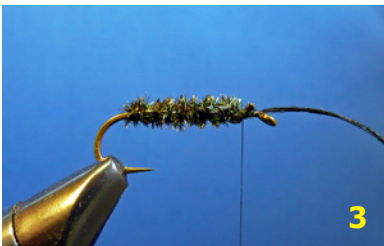
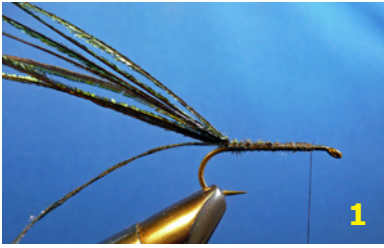
The Finished Fly



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Carey Special

TYING INSTRUCTIONS *(continued)*



The Finished Fly



Peacock Carey Special

TODAY'S CAREY SPECIAL

- Debarb the hook.
- Wrap a thread base on the hook.
- Tie in a strand of black floss for the rib.
- Tie in several strands of peacock herl

- Wrap the peacock herl forward to form the body.

NOTE: For added strength, wrap the peacock herl around the tying thread to form a "herl rope". Wrap the rope forward to the eye of the hook.

- Counter wind the black floss ribbing forward.
- Tie off and clip the excess.

- Stroke fibres back on a Ringneck Pheasant Rump feather.
- Tie in by the tip.

- Make several wraps and tie off.
- Make small thread head.
- Whipfinish and add a drop of head cement.



Red Carey Special



Green Carey Special