Osprey Fly Box

Soft Orange

contributed by

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I have been fishing for Cutthroat for about nine years in the Fraser Valley and always fish the standards, Rolled Muddlers, Epoxy Minnows, Tied Down Minnows, etc.

I was reading online one day about a crab larvae pattern that is used with a good success in the salt water estuarys. So, I modified that pattern a bit and came up with the Soft Orange, which is basically a soft hackle all in orange.

This pattern has proved to be quite successful for me and hopefully it will for you as well.



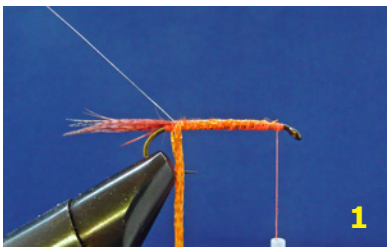
Materials



Hook:	Mustad 9672, TMC 5262 - Size 10 -12
Thread:	Red or Orange
Tail:	Bright Orange Mallard Flank
Body:	Lagartun Orange French Mini Flatbraid
Rib:	Fine Silver Wire
Hackle:	Bright Orange Mallard Flank

Tying Instructions

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- Debarb the hook and slide the cone head on to the hook.
- Lay a thread base to the bend of the hook
- Tie in the Mallard tail, followed by the fine silver wire.
- Tie in the orange flatbraid behind the eye and bind along top of hook to the rear of the fly. Wind the thread back to the eye of the hook.
- Wind the flat braid forward to the eye and tie off.
- Counterwind the silver wire to the eye and tie off. This will improve durability when fly is raked by the Cutthroat's teeth.
- Stroke the Mallard back and fold it in half. Tie in by the tip and wrap it around the hook stroking the hackle fibers back.
- Form a small thread head and add a drop of head cement.



The Finished Fly



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