Osprey Fly Box

Steve's Intruder

contributed by

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This fly can be tied in a variety of colours and combinations.

For winter steelhead, I would like solid orange ,pink ,flame, purple and black .... or try combining the colours.

For summer steelhead, the darker colours and combinations seem to work better.

For spring salmon – black and purple with a bit of blue has proven to be a deadly combination.

This pattern is most often fished on sink tips. For a change, try a dry line with a long leader *(11 to 15 feet)*

This is an easy pattern to tie that is very effective.



Steve with a Dean River Spring caught on his intruder pattern.

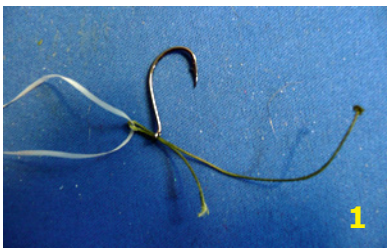
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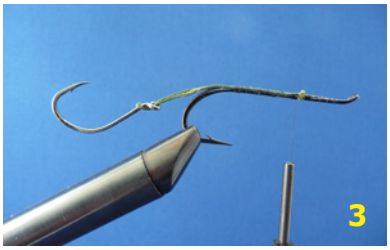


Front Hook:	Any up eyed salmon hook or Waddington shank. My preference: Gamakatsu T10 GH
Trailer Hook:	Gamakatsu Octopus 02410 #1 or size to fit your intruder
Loop:	Fire Line
Body:	Polar Chenille & Diamond Braid
Hackle	Rhea or Premium Ostrich
	Note: Premium Ostrich Feathers are similar to Rhea *(ie: fine fibers)* at about half the price.
Collar	Marabou
Eyes:	Lead Hour Glass *(optional)*

Tying Instructions

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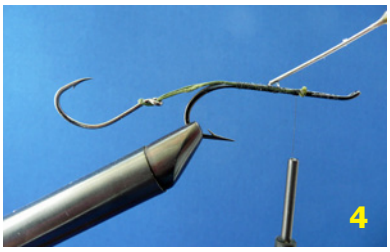


- Debarb the trailer hook.
- Use dental floss to pull the fireline through the eye of the trailer hook.
- Burn the ends of the fire line to prevent the line from pulling out.
- Loop the fire line over the hook and pull tight.
- Place the front hook in the vice. Mount the firewire on top of the shank of the front hook. Wrap securely with tying thread.

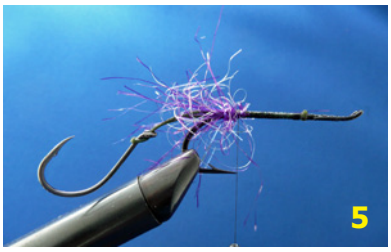
NOTE: Ensure the trailer hook is not be too far behind the shank, no more than a half inch. If the trailer is too far back, the fish gets hooked too deep in the throat of the fish, resulting in possible mortality.



Tying Instructions *(continued)*



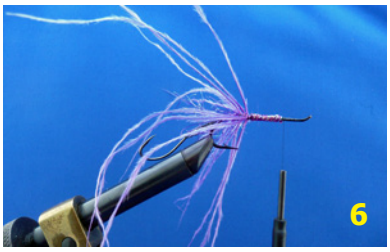
- Coat the thread and firewire with head cement. *(Zap a Gap or Super Glue can be used for added strength.)*



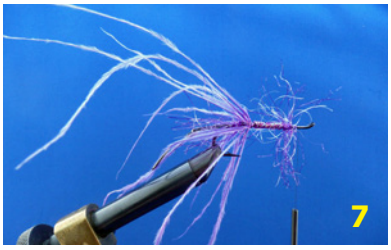
- Tie in Polar Chenille.
- Make three or four tight wraps to form a ball.

Tie in Rhea/Ostrich using one of the following methods:

1. Peel a strip of Rhea or Ostrich fibres from the feather. Tie in the end of the strip and wrap a couple times around the shank. With this method fibres will be almost perpendicular to the shank of the hook creating volume.
2. Conversely, clip rhea fibres from feather. Stack evenly around the shank of the hook. This will result in a smaller profile.



- Tie in the diamond braid and wrap forward to form the body. Tie off and clip 1/4" from the eye.
- Tie in polar chenille and wrap two or three times forming another ball.





- Create a Rhea or Ostrich collar with same method used at the rear of the hook.
- Tie in a marabou feather and make two or three wraps. Tie off and clip the excess.
- Tie in the eyes with Figure Eights. The eyes should be mounted on the underside of hook, to ensure the trailer hook is swims hook up in the current.

  Note: The eyes are optional. This is largely dependent on desired weight of fly.





- Remove hook from the vice. With a pair of heavy side cutters, cut the hook of off at the bend of the front hook, leaving only the shank.

This type of pattern is a "Twin Intruder" . They are built like a "tandem rig" .... a fly pattern is tied at the rear .... a thin body .... and a second fly, sometimes a duplicate of the one on the rear, tied behind the eye. These flies create a very large silhouette in the water, and are often taken very aggressively.

Steve ties this pattern in a number of different colour combinations.

The Finished Fly



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Pink Marabou, Pink Body & Rhea



Pink Marabou, Purple Body & Rhea