

OSPREY FLY BOX

BLACK & COPPER

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When talking to Kelly Davison from Sea Run Fly and Tackle about the Black & Copper, he described a great day he'd had several years ago on the Fraser River. He had used just about every fly in his box to no avail, when he finally tied on the Copper & Black. The water was flat calm, no fish were moving. With a Dry Line, a long leader and a very fast retrieve, he hooked fish after fish.

When I fish the Fraser River, I use this fly to drift Dry Line and a long leader (9 to 15 feet). When the tiny stone flies are hatching, I have had many good days.

MATERIALS

Hook:	Mustad 9672, #10 thru' #16
Thread:	#8/0 Black Unithread
Tail:	Black Hackle Fibers
Body:	Black Wool, small (<i>thin</i>)
Rib:	Red Copper Wire
Thorax:	Peacock Herl
Wingcase:	Pearl Ribbon Floss / white feather
Collar:	Black Hackle

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

Attach the thread and tie on the tail.

Tie on the red copper wire at the eye and tie down to the tail. This will add a little weight.

Attach the wool. Use thin wool and always split the strands. Tie with one, two or three strands depending on the size of the hook. The split strands allow for a smooth finish to the body.

Wrap the strands of wool forward to form a thin cigar shape body.

Wrap the red copper wire forward to form the ribs.

Attach the pearl ribbon floss (or white feather) 1/3 of the way back from the eye.

Attach the peacock herl and form a thorax.

Attach the black hackle from the tip. Wrap twice around shank to form a collar.

Draw the ribbon floss forward, tie off and trim.

Form a thread head and whip finish.

Tight Lines!

