Osprey Fly Box

The Diplomat

contributed by

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I find that after 50 something years that club members have forwarded over 500 different flies to the newsletter flybox. That presents a bit of a dilemma when it comes to selecting a fly that has not been covered before.

I therefore forward this story as an answer to the question "what fly should I submit.". The fly that I bring to the club is The "Diplomat .... a fly so simple that the story of this fly is more interesting than the instructions on tying it.

The story of The Diplomat. It was originated by Dr. Stanislaw Cios, a PolishDdiplomat, who was at a past fly fishing competition in Europe. Dr. Cios was a brilliant fish and invertebrate biologist who had an extensive knowledge of freshwater species. Upon seeing the Doctor's fly box, the other participants were interested in the theory of many of his motley, coloured flies.

He answered that with his position he had a lot of travel and always took his fly tying kit so he could entertain himself in the evenings by tying flies. He explained that the colours in his flies were controlled by the colours in the carpet of his hotel room.

Stanislaw's fly tying scissors would be used to snip a small sample of fibres from the edge of the carpet to dub the body of his flies with.

I have tried this myself with good success.

Maybe time for a discussion. Is it the fly or the presentation that is most important?

Materials

Hook: Czech offset hook size 12-16

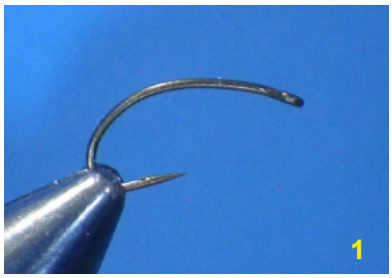
Thread: Uni 8/0 To match the body

Weight: Lead wire or substitute

Body: Carpet fibres the colour of your choice

Rib: Small Silver UTC wire

Tying Instructions



1. If using a barbed hook, pinch the barb and place hook in the Vise.

2. Cover the hook with lead or lead substitute to assist in sinking. Cover the hook shank and lead with thread down to the bend.

Tying Instructions

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3. Return the thread to the Hook eye and tie in the wire rib material. Bind down to the hook bend.

4. Select the carpet to be used. Snip fibres from the carpet, (depending on the fibres you may have to pull them apart to make the dubbing). With the carpet dubbingon the thread dub the body up to just behind the hook eye making a nice taper.

5. Counter wind the rib wire up to the end of the dubbing. Tie off and helicopter the wire to break it off.

6. Whip finish after applying a small dab of Sally Hansens to the thread.

7. Use a dubbing pick to pick out a few fibres. Don't make it too bushy as this will slow the sink rate. This fly is designed to sink fast.

Tight Lines & Good Luck!